

JOURNAL
OF THE
FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
IN THE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
HELD IN
CHRIST CHURCH, RALEIGH,
On Wednesday, May 19th, Thursday, 20th, Friday, 21st, and Saturday, 22d, 1869.



RALEIGH, N. C.:
M. S. LITTLEFIELD, PRINTER AND BINDER.
1869.

NOTE BY THE SECRETARY.

The attention of the Clergy is called to the State Law requiring that the titles to real estate shall be *recorded* in order to make them *secure*; and they are requested, in view of the importance of this matter, to see that all the titles to the property belonging to their respective Parishes are properly registered, without delay.

They are also requested to send to the Secretary of the Convention, as early as they can, all titles to property belonging to the Diocese at large, which may be in their hands.

W. N. TILLINGHAST,
Secretary.

LIST OF CLERGY,

IN THE DIOCESE OF NORTH CAROLINA, ENTITLED TO SEATS IN THE CONVENTION OF 1869.

- *Rt. Rev. Thomas Atkinson, D. D. Bishop, ex officio President of the Convention, Wilmington.
- *Rev. R. W. Barber, Missionary in Wilkes and Iredell Counties. Post Office, Wilkesboro'.
- Rev. Samuel S. Barber, Deacon. Missionary, officiating in Hyde county. Post Office, Sladesville, Hyde county.
- *Rev. Angelo A. Benton, Rector of St. Timothy's Church, Wilson.
- *Rev. Charles T. Bland, Rector of Calvary Church, Wadesboro'.
- *Rev. Benjamin S. Bronson, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Charlotte.
- *Rev. Jarvis Buxton, Rector of Trinity Church, Asheville.
- *Rev. Joseph B. Cheshire, D. D., Rector of Calvary Church, Tarboro', and Trinity Church, Scotland Neck.
- *Rev. Moses A. Curtis, D. D., Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsboro'.
- *Rev. Luther Eborn, Deacon, Missionary in Beaufort county. Post Office, Washington.
- *Rev. Neilson Falls, Rector of Grace Church, Morganton.
- *Rev. Edward M. Forbes, Rector of Christ Church, Newbern.
- *Rev. Edwin Geer, Norfolk, Virginia.
- *Rev. Wm. B. Gordon, Deacon, Assistant Minister at Christ Church, Newbern.
- *Rev. Virginius O. Gee, Deacon, officiating at St. Paul's Church, Beaufort.
- *Rev. Israel Harding, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Bath.
- *Rev. Thomas B. Haughton, Deacon, Missionary in Washington county. Post Office, Plymouth.
- Rev. Thomas G. Haughton, Salisbury.
- *Rev. Francis W. Hilliard, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Edenton.
- *Rev. Horace G. Hilton, Deacon, Assistant Minister at St. Thomas' Church, Bath.
- Rev. Lucien Holmes, Deacon, teaching in the Associate Mission and Training School, Asheville.
- *Rev. F. M. Hubbard, D. D., New York.
- *Rev. N. Collin Hughes, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Washington.
- *Rev. Joseph C. Huske, Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville.

- *Rev. Richard H. Jones, Deacon, Missionary in Edgecombe county. Post Office, Battleboro',
- Rev. John R. Joyner, Deacon, General Theological Seminary, New York.
- *Rev. S. W. Kennerly, St. John's Parish, Pitt county. Post Office, Snow Hill, Greene county.
- *Rev. Mathias M. Marshall, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.
- *Rev. Richard S. Mason, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Raleigh.
- Rev. Daniel Morelle, teaching, Wilmington.
- *Rev. T. S. W. Mott, Catawba Rail Road Station, Catawba county.
- Rev. Frank I. Murdock, Deacon, Missionary, High Shoals, Gaston county.
- *Rev. Joseph W. Murphy, Rector of Christ Church, Elizabeth City.
- *Rev. George Patterson, Assistant Minister, St. James' Church, Wilmington.
- Rev. Wm. S. Pettigrew, Deacon, Officiating at St. David's Church, Scuppernon, Washington county.
- *Rev. Gerard W. Phelps, Deacon, St. Mary's Church, Gatesville.
- *Rev. Henry A. Skinner, Assistant Minister Christ Church, Newbern, and Rector of St. Mary's Church, Kinston.
- *Rev. J. Brinton Smith, D. D., Principal of the St. Augustine Normal School, Raleigh.
- *Rev. Aldert Smedes, D. D., Rector of St. Mary's School, Raleigh.
- *Rev. Bennet Smedes, Assistant at St. Mary's School, Raleigh.
- *Rev. Robert B. Sutton, Rector of St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsboro', and St. Mark's Church, Deep River.
- Rev. Lewis Taylor, Oxford.
- *Rev. Robert E. Terry, Rector of St. John's Church, Wilmington.
- *Rev. P. D. Thompson, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Louisburg.
- *Rev. John H. Tillinghast, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Salisbury.
- *Rev. Maurice H. Vaughan, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Oxford.
- *Rev. Alfred A. Watson, D. D., Rector of St. James' Church, Wilmington.
- *Rev. Geo. B. Wetmore, Rector of St. Philip's Church, Mocksville, and Christ Church, Rowan county. Post Office, Salisbury.
- *Rev. Wm. R. Wetmore, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Lincolnton, and the Church of the Redeemer, Shelby.
- *Rev. Edward Wooten, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Windsor, and Grace Church, Woodville, Bertie county.

CLERGYMEN BELONGING TO THE DIOCESE, BUT NOT ENTITLED BY CANON TO SEATS IN THIS CONVENTION.

Rev. William T. Helm, Zenia, Ohio.

Rev. Johannes A. Oertel, Deacon, officiating at St. James Church, Lenoir.

*Rev. George W. Stickney, Rector of Stephen's Church, Goldsboro', and St. Paul's Church, Clinton.

Rev. George T. Wilmer, D. D., head of the Associate Mission [and Training School, Asheville.

Those marked thus (*) were present.

LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR ORDERS.

E. Gregory Prout, Theological Seminary, New York.

Julian C. Hines, Kittrells Springs, N. C.

John A. Deal, Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut.

Henry N. Jasper, " " " "

James A. Weston, Theological Seminary, Alexandria, Va.

Nathaniel Harding, Cheshire Academy, Connecticut.

Edmund Joyner, Swift Creek Bridge, Craven county.

James W. Gray, Newbern.

Charles J. Curtis, Hillsboro'.

Nymphus E. Price, Washington.

Gabriel Johnson, Edenton.

James Bryan Purcell, M. D.

John B. Williams.

Augustus Flythe.

LAY DELEGATES.

DELEGATES.

ALTERNATES.

TRINITY CHURCH, ASHEVILLE,

J. L. Bailey,
N. W. Woodfin,
R. W. Pulliam,
*J. G. Martin,

T. W. Patton,
A. H. Polk,
J. G. Hardy.

ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH, BATH.

William Gaylord,
John J. Rowland,
William R. Boyd,
J. H. Pilley,

Joseph Bonner,
B. R. Bragg,
George W. Oden,
H. F. Hancock.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BEAUFORT.

*Isaac Ramsey,
A. C. Davis,
*J. A. Hedrick,
C. Q. Thomas,

J. C. Davis,
J. L. Manney,
J. N. Whitney,
W. F. Higgins.

TRINITY CHURCH, BEAUFORT COUNTY.

W. J. Laughinghouse,
E. S. Laughinghouse,
B. L. Hull,
*W. H. Patrick,

W. H. Van Eberstine,
William M. Nelson,
J. F. Crawford,
W. J. H. Laughinghouse.

ZION'S CHURCH, BEAUFORT COUNTY.

N. O. Eborn,
A. H. Tankard,
James Aligood,
T. J. O. Tankard,

J. E. Elerson,
Redden B. Cutler,
O. H. P. Tankard,
N. W. North.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, BEAUFORT COUNTY.

Reading Blount,
O. F. Duke,

Laurence Clark,
S. C. Bishop.

CHAPEL OF THE CROSS, CHAPEL HILL.

*W. H. Battle.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, CHARLOTTE.

*John Wilkes,
*John S. Myers,

W. A. Williams,
W. H. H. Gregory.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CRAVEN COUNTY.

John Bryan,	Edward Cleve,
William H. Ellison,	Richard McKennin,
R. Penn Smith,	James H. Fleming.
*Edmund N. Joyner,	Charles Cherry.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CLINTON.

Alexander Ferrell,	G. Holmes,
Allmand A. McKoy,	W. G. Micks,
John Hill,	Marion Ferrell,
Allmand Holmes,	John H. Hill.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, DURHAM'S CREEK,

H. J. Butt,	B. T. Bonner,
Jesse J. Robeson,	Henry Bonner.
Charles W. Crawford,	T. R. Crawford,
John J. Bonner, Jr.,	W. H. Snell.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, EDENTON.

William B. Shepherd,	G. H. Cooke,
William A. B. Norcom,	T. C. Badham,
A. M. Moore,	Gabriel Johnson,
*F. W. Bond,	James C. Warren.

CHRIST'S CHURCH, ELIZABETH CITY.

William F. Martin,	W. H. Clark,
*R. Piemont,	D. B. Bradford,
W. A. Harney,	James N. Vaughan,
F. Vaughan,	L. K. Saunders.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE.

T. D. Haigh,	W. J. Anderson,
*W. N. Tillinghast,	J. W. Strange,
S. J. Hinsdale,	C. B. Mallett,
Joshua Carmon,	T. H. Holmes.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, GATESVILLE.

T. H. Lassiter,	R. B. G. Cowper,
W. Mills Daughtry,	H. C. Willey.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, GOLDSBORO'.

George W. Collier,	*J. C. Winder,
E. H. Goelet,	E. B. Goelet,
George V. Strong,	M. K. Crawford,
*R. T. Fulghum,	H. P. Dortch.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENVILLE.

Richard Williams,	Nymphus E. Price,
W. J. Foreman,	R. R. Cotten,
Noah Joyner,	R. W. Joyner,
*H. H. Lazelle,	R. W. Joyner, Jr.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, HERTFORD.

*Jonathan W. Albertson,	James L. Skinner,
Charles W. Wood,	Baker Haskins,
Josiah T. Smith,	Joseph G. Granberry.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, HILLSBORO'.

*Thomas Ruffin,	Paul C. Cameron,
*Thomas B. Hill,	James Webb.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, IREDELL COUNTY.

George R. Mills,	George Mills,
C. F. Mills,	Edward Garduer,
J. F. Mellon,	George F. Mills,
H. M. Mills.	R. W. Mills.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, KINSTON.

James P. Bryan,	J. C. Washington,
Richard F. Green,	H. F. Granger,
*John J. Brown,	George Washington.
John Wooten,	

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, KITTRELL'S SPRINGS.

*B. A. Capeheart,	G. B. Bullock,
W. H. Davis,	J. A. Peace.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LENOIR.

*S. F. Patterson,	George N. Evans,
E'd W. Jones,	C. A. Cilley.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, LOUISBURG.

P. B. Hawkins,	W. W. Green,
Joseph J. Davis,	Robert E. King,
*Thomas White,	Rich'd F. Yarbrough.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, LINCOLNTON.

L. E. Thompson,	J. M. Richardson,
J. F. Hoke,	H. H. Smith,
B. H. Sumner,	V. A. McBee,
W. S. Bynum,	Sumner McBee.

GRACE CHURCH, MORGANTON.

*Thomas G. Walton,	John Callet,
Joseph J. Erwin,	William M. Walton,
Robert A. Tate,	W. Callet,
*Edward J. Hardin,	D. C. Pearson.

CHRIST CHURCH, NEWBERN.

*W. H. Oliver,	G. H. Roberts,
*H. R. Bryan,	C. W. McLean,
*John Hughes,	George Bishop,
D. T. Caraway,	James B. Hughes.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, OXFORD.

*L. A. Paschall,
Russell Kingsbury,
J. H. Horner,
N. A. Gregory,

E. H. Hicks,
Z. Paschall,
Edward Butler,
R. T. Hamme.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PITT COUNTY.

*Guilford W. Cox,
Fred. Harding,
*William H. Smith,
Silvester Cox,

Simon B. Kilpatrick,
Calvin Cox,
Edward Smith,
Lemuel Mewborn.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, PITTSBORO'.

H. A. London,
Abram Rencher,
*C. B. Denson,
John Manning, Jr.,

John H. Haughton,
H. A. London, Jr.,
R. R. Ihrie,
N. M. Hill.

GRACE CHURCH, PLYMOUTH.

W. N. Ward,
F. F. Fagan,
T. Stuart, Armistead,
H. G. Lewis,

R. S. Goelet,
Levi I. Fagan,
B. M. Walker.

CHRIST CHURCH, RALEIGH.

*Geo. W. Mordecai,
*Kemp P. Battle,
*Daniel M. Barringer,
*Joseph B. Batchelor,

Charles E. Johnson,
Seaton Gales,
A. P. C. Bryan,
R. H. Battle, Jr.

CHRIST CHURCH, ROWAN COUNTY.

John W. Turner,
R. J. M. Barber,
Julius A. Neely,
J. F. Barber,

Matthew Barber,
Thomas Barber,
Jonathan Barber,
Daniel J. Webb.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, ROWAN COUNTY.

*Francis Nelson,
*John Rice,
Thomas R. Walton,
Joseph McKnight,

Thomas D. Rice,
Wm. G. Heathman,
Joseph Turner,
Noah Lewis.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, SALISBURY.

*John S. Henderson,
*Lewis Hanes,

*Robert Murphy, Jr.,
J. M. Coffin.

TRINITY COLLEGE, SCOTLAND NECK.

*R. H. Smith,
W. H. Shields,
R. H. Purrington,
Norfleet Smith.

P. E. Smith,
R. H. Smith, Jr.,
Heshbon Bishop,
J. B. Hall.

ST. DAVID'S CHURCH, SCUPPERNONG, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Josiah Collins,
Arthur Collins,

E. B. Haughton,
W. H. Hardison.

CALVARY CHURCH, TARBORO'.

Russel Chapman,
*Matthew Weddell,
N. J. Pittman,
*J. H. Bowditch,

R. T. Hoskins,
W. M. Pippin,
L. Chamberlain.

CALVARY CHURCH, WADESBORO'.

Robert T. Hall.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, WARRENTON.

Wm. Eaton, Jr.,
Peter R. Davis,
Kemp Plummer,
Ed. H. Plummer,

Charles W. Spruill,
Wm. K. Barham,
John T. Williams,
Thomas A. Montgomery,

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WASHINGTON.

T. B. Satterthwaite,
James H. Hoyt,

A. M. Buchanan.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Henry Downing,
Andrew L. Chesson,
John B. Chesson,

James A. Chesson,
Wm. R. Chesson,
Wm. C. Downing.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, WILLIAMSTON.

Wilson G. Lamb,
Francis A. Boyle,
Joseph M. Siterson,

Wm. L. Hargrave,
Gideon Lamb,
Thomas E. Darden.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WILKESBORO'.

T. J. Corpening,

James Gwyn.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, WILMINGTON.

*A. J. DeRossett,
*J. G. Burr,
*Robert Strange,
A. H. VanBokelin,

A. Martin,
James Anderson,
W. G. Thomas,
J. W. Atkinson.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WILMINGTON.

James A. Willard,
Charles D. Myers,
*S. L. Fremont,
*H. H. Robinson,

S. J. Person,
John E. Lippitt,
Henry Nutt,
O. P. Meares.

ST. TIMOTHY'S CHURCH, WILSON.

J. D. B. Hooper,
E. L. Walton,
J. B. Daniel,
George W. Whitfield,

Moses W. Jarvis,
T. C. Davis,
J. V. Blackwell,
J. W. Lancaster.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, WINDSOR.

L. S. Webb,
Turner Wilson,
William S. Gray,
*J. J. Jacobs,

W. T. Sutton,
P. H. Winston,
D. C. Winston,
William Gray.

GRACE CHURCH, WOODVILLE, BERTIE COUNTY.

*Francis S. Norfleet,
W. A. Hardy,
*J. S. Griffin,
*Thomas J. Pugh,

S. A. Norfleet,
Watson Lewis,
T. W. Thompson,
Charles Smallwood.

Those marked thus (*) were present.

For a list of the Parishes entitled to representation in the Convention, see Abstract of Parochial Reports in the Appendix. The names of the Parishes entitled to representation are there printed in roman letters. The names of Missionary Stations, Schools, &c., are printed in *italics*.

JOURNAL.

RALEIGH, WEDNESDAY, MAY 19TH, 1869.

The Fifty-third Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of North Carolina, met in Christ Church, at ten o'clock, A. M.

The Bishop opened the Convention with prayer.

The Roll was called.

The Clergymen present were the Rev. Messrs. R. W. Barber, Benton, Bland, Buxton, Dr. Cheshire, Elborn, Falls, Forbes, Harding, T. B. Haughton, Gee, Hilliard, Hilton, Hughes, Huske, Marshall, Dr. Mason, Mott, Murphy, Patterson, Phelps, Dr. Smedes, B. Smedes, Sutton, Thompson, Tillinghast, Vaughan, G. B. Wetmore, W. R. Wetmore and Edward Wooten.

The following Lay Delegates, representing fourteen Parishes, were present, viz: J. A. Hedrick, Lewis Hanes, W. H. Patrick, W. H. Battle, W. N. Tillinghast, H. H. Lazelle, T. B. Hill, H. R. Bryan, J. Hughes, W. H. Smith, C. B. Denson, G. W. Mordecai, K. P. Battle, D. M. Barringer, F. Nelson, J. Rice, J. S. Henderson, R. Murphy, Jr., A. J. DeRossett, R. Strange and J. J. Jacocks.

The Bishop announced that a quorum was in attendance, and the Convention ready for business.

On motion the Convention adjourned for Divine Service.

The Sermon was preached by Rev. Jarvis Buxton, from Psalm LI, 18. "Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem."

The communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by Rev. Dr. Mason, Rev. E. M. Forbes and Rev. A. A. Benton.

After the service, the Convention was called to order.

On motion of W. H. Battle, the Rule requiring that all elections shall be by ballot, was suspended in the election for President and Secretary.

On motion, Rev. R. S. Mason, D. D., was unanimously elected President; and W. N. Tillinghast was unanimously elected Secretary.

The Bishop announced the following regular Committees :

ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.—Rev. E. M. Forbes, Rev. N. C. Hughes, Rev. G. B. Wetmore, W. H. Battle, R. Strange.

ON FINANCE.—Rev. J. C. Huske, Rev. J. B. Cheshire, D. D., A. J. DeRossett, G. W. Mordecai, K. P. Battle.

ON CANNONS.—Rev. A. Smedes, D. D., Rev. F. W. Hilliard, Rev. J. H. Tillinghast, T. B. Hill, D. M. Barringer.

ELECTIONS.—Rev. R. B. Sutton, Rev. J. Buxton, F. Nelson.

NEW PARISHES.—Rev. J. W. Murphy, Rev. Geo. Patterson, J. Rice.

On motion the Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

Divine service was celebrated in the evening, Rev. G. B. Wetmore preached from Ephesians VI, 10, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might."

THURSDAY, MAY 20.—9 o'clock, A. M.

Rev. Dr. Mason in the Chair.

The Roll was called.

The following members not before present, took their seats during the morning session :

CLERGY.—Rev. R. E. Terry, J. B. Smith, D. D., and B. S. Bronson.

LAY DELEGATES.—Thomas Ruffin, J. G. Martin, W. H. Oliver, J. C. Winder, R. T. Fulghum, J. W. Albertson, W. N. Ward, R. H. Smith, M. Weddell, J. H. Bowditch, J. G. Burr, S. L. Fremont, H. H. Robinson, John Wilkes, J. S. Myers, J. B. Batchelor, S. F. Patterson, T. Walton and E. J. Hardin.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read.

On motion of Rev. F. W. Hilliard,

Resolved, That visiting Clergymen from other Dioceses, and Clergymen residents of this Diocese, but not entitled to seats in this Convention, and candidates for Holy Orders, be invited to take honorary seats in this Convention.

Under this resolution, Rev. G. W. Stickney, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Goldsboro', and Rev. John H. Wingfield, of the Diocese of Virginia, appeared and took seats.

On motion of A. J. DeRossett,

Resolved, That the certificates of St. Paul's Church, Craven County; St. Mary's Church, Kinston, and St. James' Church, Kittrell's Springs, be referred the Committee on Elections.

The Convention adjourned until after Divine Service.

Rev. R. W. Barber preached from Ephesians V: 15, 16: "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

Redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

After Divine Service, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop.

The Bishop read his annual address:

DEAR BRETHREN OF THE CHURCH AND LAITY:

It gives me pleasure to state to you that during the last year, terminating at our present meeting, the Church in this Diocese has made marked and gratifying progress.

At the Convocation in Tarboro' I consecrated Calvary Church—a handsome and spacious building, which, as compared with the old Church edifice, does of itself indicate the great advancement in that Parish which our Communion has

made under the efficient and acceptable labors of its Rector, Dr. Cheshire.

I also, during the Convention, confirmed five persons in that Parish, of whom one was colored.

From Tarboro' I went to Greenville, where, in the evening of the 11th of May, 1868, I preached, and on the morning of the 12th, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Hilton, I administered the Holy Communion.

On the 13th, at Washington, I baptized and confirmed an adult, and in the same Service, baptized two children.

On the evening of the same day, at Bath, I preached to a colored congregation, four members of which I also confirmed.

On the 14th, in the same Church, I preached, confirmed twenty-three persons, two of whom were colored, baptized two infants, and administered the Holy Communion.

On the 15th, at Pungo Chapel, I preached, confirmed nine persons, and administered the Communion.

May 17th, at a School House in Hyde County, I preached twice, confirmed two persons, and administered the Communion.

On the 19th, at Washington, I confirmed one person.

On the 24th, I preached in Christ Church, Hartford Connecticut, before the Delegate Meeting of the Board of Missions.

On the 31st, preached twice at Cooperstown, New York.

June 7th, I preached twice in Washington, District of Columbia, in the Church of the Ascension, and, at the request of Bishop Whittingham, confirmed fifteen persons.

On the 12th, at Jackson, in this State, at evening prayer, I baptized an adult, and an infant.

On the 13th, at the same place, I preached, confirmed one person in private and three in public, and administered the Communion.

On the 14th, at Halifax, I preached.

On the 15th, in the same Parish, I confirmed two persons.

On the 21st, at St. James' Church, Wilmington, I confirmed ten persons, one of whom was colored.

On the 25th, married a couple.

On the 27th, baptized in St. Paul's Church, a colored infant.

July 12th, confirmed in St. James' Church, Wilmington, one person.

On the 13th, in the same, confirmed one person.

On the 14th, baptized and confirmed one colored person.

On the 15th, preached at Fayetteville and confirmed two colored persons.

On the 17th, at St. Mark's, Deep River, I preached and confirmed four persons.

On the 18th, preached in the evening, at St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsboro'.

On the 19th, preached in the same Church, morning and evening. In the morning, baptized an infant and administered the Communion. In the evening, confirmed fifteen persons, two of whom were colored.

On the 21st, preached at Chapel Hill, and confirmed one person.

On the 23d, at St. Andrew's, Rowan County, preached and confirmed three persons, one of whom was colored.

On the 24th, preached at Christ Church, Rowan County, and confirmed two persons.

On the 25th, at St. James', Iredell County, preached and confirmed three persons. I also baptized an infant.

On the 26th, preached at Statesville, in the Court House, confirmed one person, and administered the communion.

On the 30th, preached at Catawba Springs.

August 2d, preached twice at Newton, in the Church of the German Reformed Congregation, which was kindly offered me, also confirmed one person, and baptized two infants.

On the 5th, preached at Catawba Springs.

On the 6th, baptized three children.

On the 9th, preached twice at Lenoir.

On the 12th, preached at St. John Baptist, in Watanga County, and baptized two children.

On the 14th, preached at Grove Chapel, Caldwell county baptized an adult, and confirmed two. In the evening preached to a colored congregation at Lenoir.

On the 16th, preached three times at Morganton, and, in the morning, baptized an infant, and administered the Communion.

In the afternoon, the congregation was colored. And in the evening confirmed six persons, one of whom was colored.

On the 21st, at Waynesville, I preached, confirmed two persons, and administered the Communion.

On the 23d, at Asheville, preached, confirmed eleven persons, and administered the Communion.

In the afternoon preached at Beaverdam Chapel, and confirmed three persons.

On the 25th, preached at Calvary Church, Henderson County.

On the 26th, preached at Hendersonville.

On the 27th, preached at St. John's, in the Wilderness, and confirmed three persons.

On the 30th, preached twice at Asheville.

On the 31st, preached at Beaverdam Chapel.

September 6th, preached twice at Rutherfordton, confirmed three persons, and administered the Holy Communion; also baptized an infant.

On the 8th, preached at Shelby.

On the 10th, preached twice at Lincolnton and confirmed seven persons, one of whom was colored.

On the 11th, preached at the village of High Shoals, in Gaston County, confirmed three persons, one white and two colored, and administered the Communion.

On the 13th, preached twice at Charlotte, and confirmed three persons.

On the 16th, at Salisbury, after a sermon by Dr. Wheat, I confirmed seven persons.

On the 17th, at the same Church, I baptized an infant, also preached, and received to Deacon's orders Frank J. Murdock, Esq., the Rev. Mr. Tillinghast presenting the candidate. I also administered the Holy Communion.

On the 18th, at Kittrell's Springs I preached and administered the Communion. In the afternoon I baptized an infant.

On the 20th, at Louisburg, in the morning, I preached, and admitted to the order of Deacons John Richard Joyner, the candidate being presented by the Rev. A. A. Benton; and to that of Priest, the Rev. Edward Wooten, presented by Rev. M. H. Vaughan, the Rev. Dr. Smedes, and Messrs. Vaughan, Benton and Harding uniting in the laying on of hands.

In the afternoon, after a sermon by Dr. Smedes, I confirmed one person.

In the evening, at a service for the colored people, Mr. Harding preached, and I also addressed them.

On the 21st, at a private house, I baptized an infant.

On the 22d, at Oxford, I preached twice and confirmed eight persons.

On the 24th, preached at Williamsborough, and administered the Communion.

On the 25th, preached at Henderson, confirmed three persons, and administered the Communion. In the evening the Rev. Mr. Wooten preached.

On the 26th, in the evening preached at Warrenton.

On the 27th, preached twice in the same place, confirmed ten persons, and administered the Communion.

From this place I went on to the General Convention in New York. The proceedings of that body and the results which it reached are familiar to you. It was extremely gratifying to observe, notwithstanding political dissensions in the country and occasional conflicts of opinions in the Church, the fraternal harmony of feeling and the remarkable unanimity of faith and judgment in the representative men then and there assembled from all parts of our widely extended country.

It was also a cause of devout gratitude to Almighty God, to observe how rapidly, and at the same time how steadily, the Church was advancing throughout the length and breadth of this land. What was originally one Diocese, divided into five, all powerful and prosperous; and one of the five having more clergymen, parishes and communicants than the whole possessed at the time of the first division. A chain of Dioceses established across the continent, occupied by active and energetic men, whose labors are prospered at the present moment, and are full of hope for the future.

I must add also, that the choice made of Bishops by the new Dioceses is an augury of great future good to the Church.

Returning from the General Convention, through Baltimore, I performed in Grace Church, to which I am attached by so many tender recollections, a marriage and a baptism, besides preaching in it, and elsewhere in that city repeatedly.

November 25th, in Wilmington, I married a couple, and on the 26th, in St. John's Church, Wilmington, I married another couple; the last being persons of color.

On the 29th, preached twice at Clinton, and confirmed two persons.

December 1st, preached twice at Kenansville, and confirmed two persons.

On the 2d, preached at Magnolia. At the two last services Mr. Stickney assisted.

On the 6th, at St. James', Wilmington, I ordained Virginius O. Gee Deacon. Rev. Mr. Patterson preaching the sermon and presenting the candidate.

On the 31st, in Wilmington, I married a colored couple.

January 10th, 1869, preached twice at Goldsboro', confirmed ten persons, and administered the Communion.

On the 11th, at Wilson, in the evening I preached, and confirmed three persons.

On the 12th, at the same place, Rev. Mr. Stickney preached in the morning.

In the afternoon, at Halifax, I preached, and confirmed four persons. In the evening, at a private house, I baptized an infant.

On the 13th, at Gaston, I baptized an adult, preached, confirmed three persons, and administered the Communion.

On the 17th, at Christ Church, Raleigh, I preached, and confirmed 19 persons.

In the afternoon I confirmed one in private of the same Parish; and at night I preached to the colored congregation at St. Augustine and confirmed three persons.

On the 18th, in the morning, I baptized two children. In the afternoon preached at St. Mary's Chapel, and confirmed four of the pupils of the school.

During this visit to Raleigh I also dedicated the building erected for the Normal School, for the instruction of colored teachers.

On the 24th, at St. James' Church, Wilmington, I confirmed one person.

On the 31st, in the same Church, I admitted to the order of Deacons, Mr. William Shepard Pettigrew, Dr. Watson preaching the sermon and Rev. Mr. Patterson presenting the candidate.

February 4th, married a couple in Wilmington.

March 6th and 7th, preached in Fayetteville three times, administered the Communion and confirmed nineteen persons, one of whom was colored.

On the 21st, at St. Paul's, Wilmington, I baptized one child and confirmed seven persons, all of whom were colored. In the evening, at St. John's, confirmed twelve.

On the 28th, in the morning, I baptized, at St. Paul's, Wilmington, two colored children.

In the afternoon, at St. James' confirmed eleven persons, this being my second visitation of that Parish during the conventional year.

On the 30th, I preached at Kinston, and again on the next day.

April 1st, preached twice at Beaufort, confirmed eight persons and administered the Communion. I had previously on the same day, baptized one adult and one infant.

On the third, in the evening, preached at Christ Church, Newbern, and confirmed twenty-three persons, one of whom was colored, having on the same day confirmed another colored person.

On the 4th, preached again at Christ Church, and confirmed one person. In the evening preached at St. Cyprian's and confirmed twenty-four persons, all colored.

On the 5th, preached at a little Chapel at Swift Creek Bridge and confirmed seven persons. On the same occasion, assisted by Messrs. Forbes and Harding, I administered the Communion.

On the 7th, preached at Snow Hill, confirmed three persons and administered the Communion.

On the 9th, at Pughs' Chapel, Pitt County, preached, confirmed nine persons and administered the Communion.

11th, at Trinity Church, Beaufort County, preached and confirmed four persons, one of whom was colored. I also administered the Communion.

12th, at St. John's, Durham's Creek, preached, confirmed three persons and administered the Communion.

13th, at the Academy at South Creek, Beaufort County, preached, confirmed four persons and administered the Communion.

On the 15th, at Bath, preached, confirmed twelve persons and administered the Communion.

On the 16th, at St. James' Beaufort County, preached, confirmed eighteen persons and administered the Communion.

On the 17th, at Zion Church, Beaufort County, preached, confirmed twenty persons, and administered the Communion.

On the 18th, A. M., at Washington, preached at the Court House, the Church not being finished, and administered the Communion.

At the same place, P. M., after a sermon by Rev. Mr. Harding, I confirmed nineteen persons, one of whom was colored.

On the evening of the 19th, preached again at the same place and confirmed two persons.

On the 21st, preached at Williamston, baptized an infant, confirmed nine persons and administered the Communion.

On the 22d, consecrated Grace Church, Plymouth, preached, confirmed five persons and administered the Communion.

Rev. Messrs. Hilliard, Harding, Wooten, Eborn, T. B. Haughton and Pettigrew took part in the service.

On the 23d, preached St. Luke's, Washington County, confirmed three persons and administered the Communion.

On the 25th, A. M., preached at St. David's, Washington County, and confirmed seven persons, and administered the Communion, and in the afternoon of the same day preached to a colored congregation.

On the 28th, at Elizabeth City, preached twice and confirmed nine persons.

30th, at Hertford, preached, confirmed four persons and administered the Communion.

May 1st and 2d, at Edenton, preached three times, confirmed nine persons and administered the Communion.

On the 4th, at Gatesville, preached twice, confirmed three persons and administered the Communion.

On the 6th preached at Colerain, and confirmed two persons.

7th, preached at Windsor.

On the 8th, preached again at the same place and confirmed two.

On the 9th at Woodville, Bertie County, preached, confirmed six persons and administered the Communion.

On the 11th, at Scotland Neck, preached and confirmed seven persons.

On the 13th, at Tarboro', preached twice and confirmed seventeen persons, of whom eight were colored.

16th, preached in the evening at St. John's Church, Wilmington, and confirmed six persons.

I have thus, during the past year, confirmed in my own Diocese, five hundred and sixteen persons, of whom sixty-eight were colored; and in Maryland fifteen. The number confirmed in this Diocese exceeds that of any former year by one hundred and twenty-one. The most considerable increase has been in Newbern, and in the Parishes in Beaufort County.

In that County I have, during the Conventional year, confirmed one hundred and twenty persons.

I have baptized during the same time in this Diocese thirty-two persons, twenty-two of whom were white infants, five white adults, four colored infants and one colored adult.

I have performed five marriages, three white and two colored.

I have also consecrated two churches and received to the order of Deacons four persons and that of Priests one.

During the year the Diocese has lost the valuable services of the Rev. Wm. E. Snowden, who has removed to Maryland, and of the Rev. Wm. C. Hunter, who has removed to Georgia.

The Rev. F. M. Hubbard is for the present residing in the Diocese of New York, although still canonically connected with this Diocese.

I have thought it best to omit from the list of Clergy the name of the Rev. Frederick J. Lightbourne, who has not taken letters of dismission, but who has been for some years settled in Bermuda. We should gladly hail his return to us.

There have been transferred to the Diocese during the year four Clergymen.

The Rev. George W. Stickney, a Presbyter from the Diocese of Louisiana, now rector of St. Stephen's Church, Goldsborough, and St. Paul's Church, Clinton.

The Rev. Johannes A. Oertal, a Deacon, from the Diocese of New York, now officiating at Lenoir, in Caldwell County.

The Rev. George T. Wilmer, D. D., a Presbyter, from the

Diocese of Alabama, the head of the Associate Mission and Theological School at Asheville; and the Rev. Wm. T. Helm, a Presbyterian, from the Diocese of Tennessee, who has, however, removed to the Diocese of Ohio, although his canonical transfer has not taken place.

The whole number of Clergy then is now fifty-four, being I believe the largest body who have at any time given their labors to the Diocese.

The number at the Convention, preceding my consecration, having been thirty-six.

The changes in the Parishes have been as follows:

The Rev. Dr. Hubbard has resigned the Rectorship of the Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill, which place is now vacant.

The Rev. N. Collin Hughes has accepted the Rectorship of St. Peter's Church, Washington.

The Rev. Henry A. Skinner has resigned the charge of Assistant Minister of St. John's Church, Wilmington, and has become the Assistant Minister of Christ Church, Newbern, and also Minister of St. Mary's, Kinston.

The Rev. P. D. Thompson has resigned the charge of the Church of the Epiphany, Leaksville, and become the Rector of St. Paul's Church, Louisburg.

The Rev. Edward Wooten has accepted the Rectorship of St. Thomas' Church, Windsor, together with that of Grace Church, Woodville, Bertie County.

The Rev. Frank J. Murdock is performing Missionary duty very efficiently and usefully at the village of High Shoals, in Gaston County.

The Rev. John R. Joyner is still at the General Theological Seminary, which, however, he will leave at the commencement in June next.

The Rev. Virginius O. Gee is doing duty at St. Paul's Parish, Beaufort.

The Rev. Wm. S. Pettigrew is officiating at St. David's Parish, Washington County.

The Rev. Neilson Falls has resigned the Rectorship of St.

Mark's Church, Halifax, and the Church of the Savior, Jackson, and accepted that of Grace Church, Morganton.

The candidates for Holy Orders are, at present :

E. Gregory Prout, at the General Theological Seminary, New York.

Julian C. Hines, at Kittrell's Springs.

John A. Deal, Trinity College, Hartford.

Henry N. Jasper, at the same.

Jos. A. Weston, at present at the Theological Seminary, in Virginia.

Nathaniel Harding, at the Cheshire Academy, Connecticut.

Edmund Joyner, at Swift Creek Bridge, Craven County.

James W. Gray, at Newbern.

Charles J. Curtis, Hillsboro'.

Nymphus Edgar Price, Washington.

Gabriel Johnston, Edenton.

During the last year I have been especially impressed with the benefits which the Church in this Diocese receives from regularly organized Convocations of the Clergy.

The old Albemarle Convocation accomplished very much in the work of building up the Church in that region, and although now weakened by the loss of some of its oldest and most valuable members, is still the instrument of much good.

The Pamlico Convocation has been one of the chief instruments in bringing about the gratifying results in that part of the Diocese, to which I have already adverted.

Indeed, every one of these associations of the Clergy seems to be useful in greater or less degree. They give the Clergy opportunities for mutual consultation and for mutual sympathy and encouragement ; and they greatly increase the attendance of the people and their interest in the services held in the different Parishes.

With our sparse population and the distances which separate the Clergy, there is danger that our system will depart too far from the co-operative principle, and will, to an injurious extent, become congregational rather than churchly.

One of the best remedies for this evil is to be found in the use of Convocations, regularly attended and zealously maintained. It opens the way also for increased missionary efforts which we so deeply need. I should be gratified to see the system extended over the Diocese.

You will perceive that I have at last obtained the services of a Clergyman to be the head of the Associated Mission and Training School at Asheville. It is the Rev. George T. Wilmer, D. D., late of Mobile, Alabama, but who has heretofore served the Church in this Diocese, and is believed to be well qualified for the position he now occupies. It is a very important one. The mountain region of this State with a large population is as truly missionary ground as any in the United States.

The people deeply need religious instruction and moral training. They deeply need consequently, the Gospel, the Church and the Ministry. That Ministry must be supplied from themselves if the body of the people is ever to be reached, and we must consequently be prepared to instruct candidates for orders, coming from among this very people. Candidates from the East will likewise find Asheville a beautiful, healthy and cheap place of residence. It is very much to be desired, then, for the interest of the whole Diocese, that this mission and school shall be sustained, and I earnestly request in this behalf, the prayers and the alms of all who desire to see the success of the cause of Christ and His Church among us.

There is another subject on which the state of the times seems to me to make it proper that I should express myself more fully than I have heretofore thought necessary.

“The Pastoral letter of the House of Bishops of the late General Convention, expressed a judgment on the subject of certain Ritualistic practices, from which judgment there was no dissent avowed among themselves. Fully concurring in the views then set forth, and the matter assuming almost every day increasing magnitude and importance, I feel it to be my duty to present to you the conclusions to which I have been

led by repeated observation of Ritualistic services and a good deal of anxious reflection thereupon.

Ritualism, like most other general terms, is vague, and may be taken in different senses. There are those, no doubt, who would consider reverence for the house of God and solemnity and dignity in its worship as savoring of Ritualism.

To me and to you, however, these things seem to flow necessarily from deep and enlightened religious feeling and to conduce very much, at the same time, towards giving greater strength and intensity to such a feeling. So far from censuring, I can gladly encourage such a spirit—zeal for God's house, such as our Saviour exhibited, zeal, such as would lead us willingly to labor and to give in order that that house might be beautiful, if we could not make it grand and majestic. It is, I believe, a sin against God as well as a shame to us as Christians, when the house which we have dedicated to Him, is permitted to fall into neglect and decay. It is likewise a mark of pious feeling that we should decorate that house with such ornaments as are appropriate to it and sanctioned by rightful authority. It is right that the services there performed, should, as far as possible, be frequent and always orderly and reverential. It is right that the music heard there, though grave and solemn, should be in the highest measure that we can attain, harmonious and impressive, may if possible, rise even to majesty and grandeur.

None of these things seem calculated to hinder the work of God in the soul of man, but rather to aid it.

But these are not the things which are generally meant when ritualism is spoken of. That word is usually understood to indicate the introduction of usages symbolizing doctrines which the Church, since the reformation, has held to be erroneous and strange, or usages which, at the best, have been rejected by her and thereby become obsolete. In the former are to be reckoned such usages as prostrations or genuflections before the consecrated elements in the Lord's Supper, the receiving of those elements from the Priest in the mouth rather

than in the hand, auricular confession—which, if not a part of Ritualism, is at least associated with it—Sacraments celebrated in behalf of the dead as well as the living, and acts and services of the like nature. In the second class are the use of incense and candles on the altar for purposes other than that of light, and gorgeous vestments set aside by the Church of England for three centuries and never known among us until recently.

The introduction of usages of this sort by an individual minister or particular congregation indicates disrespect, if not disloyalty to the Church, and, if persisted in, will necessitate coercive legislation—in itself an evil, but less intolerable than the evil which it seeks to check; for practices of the sort to which I have referred, accompanied ever by disrespect for the authority of the Church deepen that disrespect, prepare men for apostacy from it, breed discord within its own pale, engender suspicion and aversion to it in those beyond its pale, tend ultimately to skepticism and irreligion; and so in many ways hinder the progress of that Gospel which it is the mission of the Church to convey everywhere and to all men.

We may be very thankful that these evils have prevailed very little, if at all, amongst us. It is one of the compensations which God gives us for an impoverished country and suffering people, that we are thereby the less tempted to errors and extravagances of this kind. They are found chiefly in great cities where wealth and idleness produce a pruriency of feeling and taste, demanding to be gratified with novelties and craving for highly spiced seasonings, not only in men's feasts, but also in their amusements and even in their religion. As with the Israelites in the wilderness, it loathes the manna which came down from Heaven and cries out for the flesh pots of Egypt. Religion, such as is taught in the gospel held by the Primitive Church, maintained in the Church of England and our own—a religion which does not neglect the beautiful, but aims mainly at the true—which provides for the gratification of the eye and ear, but addresses itself especially to the

soul. Such a religion appears to persons possessed by the feelings I have been describing, flat and insipid.

They crave something more sensuous, more ornate, more exciting, and they find it in Ritualism, such as I have myself seen in England, and understand that it may be seen in certain places in this country. I trust it may never be known to churchmen in this Diocese, except by report, and not long by report. It cannot be questioned that the weighty interest entrusted to us, the Clergymen and Laity of this Diocese, have already suffered injury by Ritualistic excesses elsewhere. We must beware of increasing the evil by making innovations which may disturb and unsettle the minds of our people.

No individual Clergyman has a right, for his own gratification, or that of part of his congregation, to change the established worship of the Church, without the consent of his Diocesan, and against the wishes of another part of the congregation.

We have a great work to do in this extensive and growing commonwealth. We have, as far as in us lies, to bring to the obedience of Faith, and to keep in that obedience, two races of men, some of whom are ignorant of the Faith, and some prejudiced against it. We are engaged in building the walls of our spiritual Zion in troublous times. Shall we leave our great work and come down to employ ourselves in will-worship and shows and spectacles, which so far have not profited them that have been exercised therein?

The Church *in this country* has a mighty work to do; out with great resources, great encouragements, and *immense difficulties*. It has to do its part in shaping for good the destinies of the most powerful Nation existing, or which ever has existed on Earth, to promote the temporal and spiritual welfare of a population, the most active, the most intelligent, and the most regardless of authority known among men. It has to encounter religious indifference and every form of religious error; Infidelity which is instructed, thoughtful, proud, boastful and aggressive; an Immorality which is in-

creasing in every class and grade of society, staining some of the highest officials in the land with bribery and peculations and descending to the pettiest shopkeeper who sells adulterated wares by false weights and measures ; an Immorality which causes bloodshed and murders to multiply day by day and generally to go unpunished ; an Immorality which is dissolving the most sacred ties of family-life and society, under a vitiated public sentiment which is already finding expression in Anti-Christian laws on the subject of Marriage and Divorce.

When these cruel cancers are eating into the very vitals of society, are they to be cured by directions as to the color and shape of the vestments which Priests are to wear, or as to the height of an altar, or the number of candles to be placed on it, or the precise moment at which they are to be lighted ? Surely it is not such aid, or such defenders, that the time needs. It needs the Grace and Truth brought into the world by Jesus Christ our Lord ; Grace for which He has provided means and channels in His Church ; Truth held in the first Ages, reaffirmed at the reformation, incorporated into our Creeds, and Liturgy and established Ritual, and which has already done so much to bless mankind in all ages, and which has been so especially fruitful in good, in England, in this country, and wherever the Bible and the Prayer Book have gone together."

On motion of Rev. E. M. Forbes, that part of the address relating to convocations was referred to a special Committee of three.

The Chair appointed Rev. E. M. Forbes, Rev. F. W. Hilliard and John Hughes on this Committee.

On motion of Rev. J. Buxton, that part of the address relating to the Associate Mission and Theological Seminary at Asheville, was referred to a special Committee of three.

Rev. J. Buxton, Rev. B. S. Bronson and S. F. Patterson were appointed on this Committee.

The Committee on Elections made the following report :

The Committee on Elections beg leave to report that they have examined the certificates of election of St. Paul's Church, Craven County, St. Mary's Church, Kinston, and St. James' Church, Kittrells, and find them in due form.

These Parishes, however, having been stricken from the list of Parishes in union with the Convention as appears from the Journal of the last Convention, page 41, the delegates are not entitled to seats.

We have enquired into the condition of these Parishes and are satisfied that they are bona fide Parishes, as they have elected Vestrymen and have Rectors or Missionaries in charge, we therefore offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That St. Paul's Church, Craven, St. Mary's Kinston, and St. James', Kittrells, be re-instated in their former position as Parishes entitled to representation in this Convention, and that their delegates be admitted to seats.

ROBERT B. SUTTON,
Chairman.

The resolution proposed by the Committee was adopted; and Messrs. E. N. Joyner, from St. Paul's, Craven County, J. J. Brown, of St. Mary's, Kinston, and B. A. Capehart, of St. James', Kittrell's Springs, took seats in the Convention as Lay Delegates.

The Treasurer of the Convention made his report as follows :

CHARLOTTE, May 1, 1869.

Herewith the Treasurer submits his annual statements and vouchers.

The receipts and disbursements since the last report have been as follows :

Fund for Episcopate and Contingent Expenses—

Balance on hand.....	\$	4	60
Interest from Permanent Fund		559	60
Assessments received		3,701	08
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		\$4,265	28

Payments to Bishop	\$	3,093	
Contingent Expenses.....		975	15
General Convention Assessment		182	
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		\$4,250	15

Balance on hand.....	\$	15	13
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Missionary Fund—

Balance on hand.....	\$ 312 52
Collections received.....	1,916 86
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	\$ 2,229 38
Payments by order of Missionary Committee.....	\$ 2,250
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Balance due Treasurer.....	\$ 20 62

Relief Fund—

Balance on hand.....	\$ 155
Collections received.....	206 13
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	\$ 361 13
Payments by order of Bishop.....	\$ 282 90
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Balance on hand.....	\$ 78 23

Education Fund—

Balance on hand.....	\$
Collections.....	162 18
Payments to Bishop's order.....	113
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	\$ 49 18

The amounts received have been larger than the previous year, but the resolutions of the Convention in regard to the contingent Missionary and Relief Funds have not received the attention which the wants of the missionaries, and the state of the finances require.

The XXI canon of the Diocese requires one collection to be made annually for the Education Fund. During the past year collections have been received from only three Parishes.

Under the orders of the Trustees of the Diocese I have purchased \$3,906 of 8 per cent. North Carolina Rail Road Bonds at a cost of \$3,113 80. I shall continue to make the same investment of the balance of the Permanent Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN WILKES, Treasurer.

On motion, the report of the Treasurer was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on a Permanent Episcopal Fund, (continued at last Convention) made the following report :

The Committee re-appointed at the last annual session for the purpose of raising a fund for the support of the Episcopate of this Diocese, respectfully report:

That it has not been able to effect anything of consequence towards the creation of the desired fund.

At your last session you authorized the Committee to appoint one or more Clergymen to canvass the Diocese in behalf of the fund, and in obedience thereto your Committee held a meeting at Tarboro' while the Convention was in session, and after mature consideration of the question, of sending out an agent or canvasser, concluded to adopt that course, and instructed their Chairman to invite the Rev. George Patterson to undertake this work.

In compliance with the desire of the Committee a communication was addressed to Mr. Patterson, during the summer, requesting him to commence the work about the first of November.

Mr. Patterson, from unavoidable causes, was unable to attend to such duties. The Committee was unable to procure the services of any other canvasser, and hence really nothing has been accomplished.

Your Committee are fully impressed with the importance as well as the magnitude of the work intrusted to them, and they desire to say what they believe to be true, that such a fund as is desired cannot at this time be raised in this Diocese. Yet they believe it can be done in time, or as soon as our people recuperate from the great financial depression they are now suffering from, and therefore we recommend the organization of a standing Committee, to be known as the "Episcopal Fund Committee," be annually appointed by the Bishop to take charge of the work, and by continual perseverance it can be accomplished.

We recommend the passage of the following amendment of Canon XXII:

"SEC. 2. For the purpose of aiding in the creation of a sufficient Episcopal Fund for the Diocese, there shall be appointed annually by the Bishop or presiding officer a Committee, to be known as the 'Episcopal Fund Committee,' whose duties shall consist in devising ways and means for raising this fund, and providing for its permanent and safe investment."

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. FREMONT, Chairman.

On motion, the proposed amendment of Canon XXII was referred to the Committee on Canons.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of the Executive Missionary Committee.

Rev. J. C. Huske, Rev. A. A. Watson, D. D., A. J. DeRossett, R. Strange and S. L. Fremont were elected.

The Bishop announced the Committee on Unfinished Business, viz: Rev. M. M. Marshall, J. G. Martin, R. H. Smith.

On motion, the Convention agreed to go into an election for the Church Building Committee.

On motion the Convention adjourned until 5 o'clock, P. M.

5 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention was called to order by the President, and proceeded to elect the Church Building Committee.

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with. Rev. A. A. Benton, Rev. J. B. Cheshire, D. D., Rev. M. M. Marshall, W. R. Cox and G. V. Strong were elected.

Rev. M. A. Curtis, D. D., Rev. H. A. Skinner, Rev. Edwin Geer and Messrs. F. W. Bond and L. A. Paschall appeared and took their seats.

Rev. F. W. Hilliard moved that the next annual Convention be held in St. Paul's Church, Edenton.

On motion of S. L. Fremont, the consideration of the resolution was made the special order for 10 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

The Convention proceeded to elect the Education Committee.

A motion to dispense with the ballot was objected to. Rev. Geo. Patterson, S. J. Person and A. H. VanBokkelin were elected.

Rev. B. S. Bronson offered the following :

Resolved, That a Committee of five—three Clergymen and two Laymen—be appointed by the Bishop, for the purpose of taking into consideration the subject of increased Episcopal services in the Diocese, to report to the next Convention, and requested that it should be made the special order for 10½ o'clock, A. M. to-morrow."

Which was agreed to.

The Committee on Canons made the following report :

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the subject of an amendment to Canon XXII, for the appointment of a Special Committee on the Episcopal Fund, respectfully report that in their opinion such an addition to the Canons is not at present advisable.

On motion of Rev. F. W. Hilliard, the report was concurred in.

Rev. J. H. Tillinghast offered the following :

Resolved, That in addition to the usual missionary sermon, a missionary meeting be held at which the subject of our Diocesan Missions may be freely discussed.

On motion the Convention adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M., to-morrow.

Divine service was celebrated in the evening. Rev. John H. Wingfield, of Petersburg preached the sermon from Jeremiah XIII, 23 : "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots?"

FRIDAY, MAY 21—10 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The roll was called.

The following members, not before present appeared, viz : Rev. R. H. Jones and Messrs. Isaac Ramsey, C. Q. Thomas, R. Piemont, B. A. Capehart, and G. W. Cox.

The journal of yesterday's proceedings was read.

The Committee on the Organization of New Parishes made a report :

The Committee on the Organization of New Parishes report that they have examined the papers presented by the newly organized Parish of St. George, Hyde County, and find them correct according to the canon of the Diocese on the subject.

They therefore recommend that the Parish be admitted into union with the Convention, and offer the following :

Resolved, That St. George's Parish, Hyde County, be admitted into union with the Convention.

J. W. MURPHY, Chairman.

The resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report :

The Committee on Unfinished Business, report that upon examination of the Journal of the last Convention they find but one subject which claims attention at this session of the Convention :

Page 50, a resolution that section 4, of the third article of the Constitution, be amended by striking out the words "baptized persons of good moral standing" and inserting in their places the word "communicants."

R. H. SMITH, for Committee.

The Committee on Convocations made the following report :

The Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's address as relates to Convocations, beg leave respectfully to report as follows :

Your Committee have been much gratified at learning from the Bishop of the good which in his opinion Convocations have accomplished and are likely in the future to accomplish.

Fully reciprocating the interest manifested by the Bishop in Convocations, and the desire expressed by him for their organization on some common system throughout the Diocese, your Committee in seeking for a plan by which this organization may be attained find that the Convention has already taken steps in this direction. They find on page 34 of the Journal, of 1867, the report of a Committee on Diocesan Missions appointed at that Convention, which report embodies a scheme for the division of the Diocese into Convocations, and on page 42, of the same Journal, they find that a resolution was passed referring said scheme to a Committee "to mature and put in operation, at the earliest practicable moment, a system of Convocations, should they deem the same expedient."

As this Committee have not yet matured and put in operation any such system, and as the Bishop, who is their chairman, has brought the subject again to the attention of the Convention, it is presumed that the Committee either desire to be discharged, or at least to be further instructed by the Convention. Not from any disrespect towards this Committee, but from a wish to simplify the matter in hand, your Committee are of opinion that this Committee should be discharged. They are also of opinion that the plan reported to the Convention of 1867, with certain modifications, should be adopted by this Convention. They recommend for the adoption of the Convention the following resolutions.

Resolved, That the Committee appointed by the Convention of 1867, to arrange a system of Convocations, be discharged from the consideration of the subject.

Resolved, That the Bishop be and is hereby requested to call meetings of the Clergy and Laity within such limits as he may see fit, in each case, for the purpose of organizing eight Convocations to be called the Convocations of Wilmington; of Newbern; of Washington; of Edenton; of Raleigh; of Charlotte; of Morganton and of Asheville, respectively, provided, that Convocations now existing may be recognized as already organized upon admitting the Laity to a share in its membership.

Resolved, That the Bishop be and is hereby requested to delegate to the aforesaid Convocations, or their presiding officers, such powers, as in consistency with the Constitution and canons of the Church, he may see fit to give them.

Resolved, That while the authority thus conferred shall extend over all Clergymen who shall become members of any convocation, and all Parishes represented therein, no Clergymen or Parish shall be obliged, except by their own free choice, to join any Convocation.

Resolved, That the officers of the Convocations shall be elected by the Convocations themselves.

E. M. FORBES, Chairman.

The consideration of this report was made the special order for 5 o'clock, P. M.

The Committee on Itinerant Missions reported.

Your Committee appointed to consider the subject of Itinerant Missions, beg leave respectfully to report,

1st. That the need of Itinerant Missions is felt throughout the Church, finds frequent expression in her periodical literature, and has led to the formation of a society in one of the Dioceses for securing and supporting Itinerants, under the name of Evangelists.

2d. That in our Diocese we know this need by actual observation. Where there has been no itinerancy the towns have congregations, perhaps, but the people who live in the country, or at least the great majority of them, are utterly ignorant of the Church. On the other hand, where the Clergy have been in part itinerants, the Church has reached the rural population and been thankfully received by them.

3d. That while the employment of one or more Clergymen who should devote themselves entirely to itinerant labor would be very desirable if they could be had, it is very evident that at least in our Diocese there are none to spare for this work. Therefore we must, if possible, so utilize the efforts of our parochial Clergy as to provide for the pressing emergency so far as possible through their means.

4th. That even if men were engaged, who should be Itinerants or Evangelists only, it would be wise to give them each a field of labor considerably smaller than the entire State. The territory usually contained within the limits of a single Convocation, would be amply sufficient for any one man.

5th. That on the same or a similar principle, it would be best, under present circumstances, that the work of itinerant missions should be undertaken by bodies smaller than the whole Diocese, as represented in Convention. The several Convocations will be likely to be better able to provide for this service within their own fields.

Accordingly your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Convocations of the Diocese, wherever existing, are earnestly urged to take into serious consideration the importance and necessity

of itinerant missionary labor, and to provide for the same within their bounds, as may seem to them, under the direction of the Bishop, to be wisest and best.

THOMAS ATKINSON,

FRANCIS W. HILLIARD,

For the Committee.

The consideration of the resolution offered was made the special order for 5½ o'clock, P. M.

The report of the Standing Committee was read.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of North Carolina respectfully submit the following report of their proceedings during the past conventional year.

On the 15th August, 1868, testimonials were signed on behalf of Frank Murdock, applicant for Deacon's Orders. Also, on behalf of Virginius O. Gee, applicant for Deacon's Orders.

On the 12th of September, 1868, testimonials were signed on behalf of Nymphus A. Price, candidate for Deacon's Orders; also on behalf of John Richard Joyner, to be admitted to Deacon's Orders. Also, on behalf of William B. Gordon, Luther Eborn and Gerard W. Phelps to be admitted as candidate for Priest's Orders.

On the 23d of January, 1869, the assent of the Standing Committee was given to the consecration of Rev. Richard Crosswell Doane, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Albany, as Bishop of the Diocese of Albany, New York.

The consent and concurrence of the Standing Committee was given to the election of the Rt. Rev. Henry Champlin Lay, Missionary Bishop of the southwest, to be Diocesan of the Diocese of Easton, Maryland.

The resignation of Rev. F. M. Hubbard, as member of the Standing Committee, was received and accepted, he having removed from the Diocese, and on motion of Kemp P. Battle, Esq., the Rev. M. A. Curtis, of Hillsboro', was appointed in his place, and the Secretary was instructed to inform Dr. Curtis of his appointment.

On the 20th of February, 1869, testimonials were signed on behalf of George W. Phelps, applicant for Priest's Orders. Also, on behalf of Gabriel Johnson, of Edenton, candidate for Orders.

The assent of the Standing Committee was given to the consecration of Rev. Frederick D. Huntington, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Boston, as Bishop of Central New York.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee, held during the Convention on the 20th of May, testimonials were signed for the following persons: 1st. Rev. Luther Eborn, recommending him for Orders. 2d. For the Rev. E. G. Prout, and Rev. F. P. Murdock, to be received as candidates for Priest's Orders.

3d. For James Bryan Purcell, M. D., and John B. Williams and Augustus Flythe, to be admitted candidates for Deacon's Orders.

They have also recommended on the certificate of the Rev. Messrs. Snowdon and Hilliard, that the dispensation allowed by Title 1, Canon 7, Section 11, be granted to the Rev. Thomas B. Haughton, and that he be received as a candidate for Priest's Orders.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. S. MASON, Chairman.

The special order for 10 o'clock, A. M.,—the resolution of Rev. Mr. Hilliard, to hold the next annual Convention in St Paul's Church, Edenton—was taken up and passed unanimously.

On motion of the same, the first Thursday in May was set as the day for meeting.

The special order for 10½ o'clock—the resolution offered by Rev. Mr. Bronson, proposing to appoint a Committee to consider the subject of increased Episcopal services in the Diocese, was then considered, and passed.

Rev. J. H. Tillinghast moved that the Unfinished Business reported by the Committee on that subject, be made the special order for 10 o'clock, A. M. to-morrow; which was agreed upon.

The Committee on Finance made their report:

The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the Treasurer's Report and accompanying accounts, and find them to be correct, and the disbursements sustained by proper vouchers.

They are gratified to find that the amounts received by contributions to the various funds of the Diocese have increased during the past year, except in case of the Relief Fund, which is somewhat less than for the year previous.

The contributions to the Fund for the Episcopate and Contingent Expenses, have increased \$663.38 over the last year. The increase over the previous year in the case of the Fund for Support of the Missionaries is \$621.31.

The Committee regret that in the case of the Education Fund the increase has been very slight.

In view of this state of Finances the Committee see no reason to make any alteration in the mode of collections, and recommend the continuance of the system now in operation by resolution of the Convention.

It appears from the Report of the Treasurer that three Parishes only have contributed to the Education Fund. The Committee would call the attention of the Rectors of Parishes to the XXI Canon of the Diocese, which requires an

annual collection to be made in every Parish in behalf of this fund, and would also remind them of the increased obligation upon the Parishes to contribute to it, arising from the fact stated by the Bishop, that there are a large number of applicants for aid from this fund.

The Committee find in the Treasurer's Report no account of the Permanent Episcopal Fund. They recommend that an account be annually rendered of this fund, together with the mode of its investment, and a list of the securities.

J. C. HUSKE, Chairman.

The Bishop informed the Convention that he had received from W. J. Palmer, Esq., Principal of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and for the Blind, an invitation to the Convention to visit that institution.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 4½ o'clock, P. M.

FRIDAY, 4½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

On motion of Rev. F. W. Hilliard,

Resolved, that the thanks of the Convention are hereby returned to Mr. W. J. Palmer, Principal of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, and for the Blind, for his courteous invitation to visit the institution, and that five o'clock, P. M., to-morrow, be set as the time when the Convention will visit the Institution, unless prevented by the pressure of business.

Messrs. Thos. White, F. S. Norfleet, J. S. Griffin and T. J. Pugh, Lay Delegates, appeared and took their seats.

The Special Order for five o'clock, P. M., the resolutions of the Committee on Convocations was then taken up.

The first resolution was adopted.

Rev. F. N. Falls moved to amend the second resolution, so as to leave that part of it designating the names of *centres*, discretionary with the Diocesan.

On motion of Thos. Ruffin, the consideration of the subject was postponed until 12 o'clock, M., to-morrow.

The report of the Education Committee was read.

The Educational Committee begs leave to report that it has received, during the Conventional year, \$162.18; and upon the recommendation of the Bishop, has authorized the Treasurer to pay out \$113.

R. E. TERRY, Chairman.

Leave of absence was granted to Rev. R. E. Terry and Rev. R. B. Sutton, and Messrs. Denson, Albertson, Bond, G. W. Cox and W. H. Smith.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

SATURDAY, MAY 22^D—9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The calling of the Roll was dispensed with.

Rev. F. M. Hubbard, D. D., appeared and took his seat.

John B. Williams, Candidate for Orders, appeared and took an honorary seat.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read.

Rev. J. H. Tillinghast withdrew his motion to hold a Missionary meeting, inasmuch as the Bishop proposed to introduce the custom, informally.

The resolutions of the Committee on Itinerant Missions was then taken up, and the consideration of them was postponed until 12 o'clock, M., at the same time with the resolutions of the Committee on Convocations, the subject being germane.

The Special Order for 10 o'clock, A. M., was taken up, being the resolution passed at the Convention of 1867; rejected, reconsidered and laid on the table at the Convention of 1868; that section 4 of Article III of the Constitution, be amended by striking out the words "baptised persons of good moral standing," and inserting in their place the word "communicants."

J. B. Bachelor moved to lay the resolution on the table.

A vote by orders was called for, which resulted as follows:

CLERGY—YEAS.—R. W. Barber, Bland, Buxton, Cheshire, Curtis, Forbes, T. B. Haughton, Hilton, Mott, Patterson, Thompson, Vaughan and G. B. Wetmore—13.

NAYS—Bronson, Gee, Harding, Hilliard, Hughes, Marshall, Mason, Murphy, Skinner and Tillinghast—10.

PARISHES—YEAS.—Trinity, Beaufort County; Chapel of Cross, Chapel Hill; St. Matthew's, Hillsboro', St. James, Lenoir; St. Paul's, Louisburg; Christ Church, Newbern; St. Stephen's, Oxford; Christ Church, Raleigh; St. James', Wilmington—9.

NAYS—Trinity, Asheville; St. Paul's, Beaufort; St. Paul's, Craven County; Christ Church, Elizabeth City; St. John's, Fayetteville; St. Paul's Greenville; Grace, Morganton; St. Andrew's, Rowan County; St. Luke's, Salisbury; Trinity, Scotland Neck; St. Thomas', Windsor; Grace, Woodville—12.

DIVIDED.—St. Peter's, Charlotte.

The motion failed for want of a concurrence of both orders, and the question recurred on the resolution.

A vote by orders was called for.

The resolution was lost by the following vote:

CLERGY—YEAS.—R. W. Barber, Bland, Bronson, Buxton, Cheshire, Falls, Forbes, Gordon, Gee, Harding, T. B. Haughton, Hilliard, Hilton, Hughes, Marshall, Mason, Murphy, Phelps, Skinner, A. Smedes, B. Smedes, Thompson, Tillinghast and Wooten—24.

NAYS—Curtis, Eborn, Huske, Mott, Patterson, Vaughan, G. B. Wetmore and W. R. Wetmore—8.

PARISHES—YEAS.—St. Paul's, Craven County; Christ Church, Elizabeth City; St. John's, Fayetteville; St. Paul's, Greenville, St. Mary's, Kinston; Grace, Morganton; St. Luke's, Salisbury; Trinity, Scotland Neck, St. Thomas', Windsor, and Grace, Woodville, Bertie County—10.

NAYS.—Trinity, Asheville; St. Paul's, Beaufort; Trinity, Beaufort County; Chapel of Cross, Chapel Hill; St. Matthew's, Hillsboro'; St. James', Lenoir; St. Paul's, Louisburg; Christ Church, Newbern; St. Stephen's, Oxford; Christ Church, Raleigh, and St. James', Wilmington—11.

The Bishop announced the committee appointed in compliance with the resolution of Rev. B. S. Bronson, on an increase of Episcopal services, viz: Rev. B. S. Bronson, Rev. J. B.

Cheshire, D. D., Rev. J. Buxton, J. G. Martin and R. H. Smith.

The report of the Committee on Parochial elections was read :

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of qualifications of voters in parochial elections have examined the provisions in this respect of 23 Dioceses besides their own, viz: Alabama, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Missouri and Western New York.

The qualifications required in the above Dioceses, may be distributed under six general heads:

1. Sex.
2. Age.
3. Membership of the congregation.
4. Membership of the Church.
5. Contribution, whether by subscription or by assessment on pews.
6. Signature of articles of association.

These conditions of suffrage and their combination have been found to constitute more than 40 varieties of qualification. In one instance (Missouri,) it is required that the voter be a communicant. In others to have signed articles of association. In others any contribution, however small, to the expenses of the Parish is sufficient. In many cases it is not necessary that the voter shall have been baptized. California, Georgia, Iowa, Maine, Minnesota and Vermont require the voters in all instances to be males. The same six Dioceses with the addition of Virginia, require him to be an adult. Virginia, however, seems to permit other than males to vote. Missouri requires that he be both a male and of adult years; except where express provision to the contrary is made by the Parish. Alabama, Louisiana, Pennsylvania and Virginia require the voter to be a contributor to the expenses of the Parish. In California, Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, Nebraska and Ohio the voter must be either a contributor or a communicant.

With such variations of Diocesan provision it is difficult to argue from usage of the Church in this country, and it is almost equally out of the question to argue from the usages of the Church elsewhere, circumstances are so different from our own.

The Committee, therefore, feel that in recommending any measure for North Carolina they must take counsel of their own sense of propriety and order, and consult the special circumstances of the Church in their own Diocese.

The Committee are not aware that serious difficulty has arisen in any Parish under the present rule of the Church in this Diocese, which provides that in all newly organized Parishes the voters at Parochial elections shall be adult male members of the Parish, who shall have subscribed to a declaration that

they will be governed by the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, and of the Church in this Diocese, leaving it at the option of Parishes previously organized to continue the customs already existing.

It is therefore recommended that no change be made in the Constitution on this subject, and the Committee beg to be discharged from its further consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. WATSON,
J. C. HUSKE,
J. H. TILLINGHAST,
JNO. WILKES,
A. J. DEROSSET.

Committee.

The report of the Committee was adopted and the Committee was discharged.

The Committee on that part of the Bishop's address relating to convocations withdrew their original report and offered the following :

Your Committee appointed to take into consideration the portions of the Bishop's address relating to convocations, beg leave respectfully to report the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Convention heartily concurs with and endorses the approval of convocations expressed by the Bishop in his annual address.

The report of the Committee on the Associate Mission and Training School at Asheville, was read.

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the Bishop's address concerning the Associate Mission and school at Asheville, respectfully report :

That the importance of this enterprise to the welfare of the Diocese, particularly the west or its missionary part, must be apparent to all who consider the circumstances of the case.

A vast tract of country west of the Blue Ridge, comprising about one-seventh of the whole State in surface, and some 100,000 people within 14 Counties, is in almost utterly destitute condition, so far as the ministrations of this Church are concerned, numbering but two or three ministers, and hardly 100 communicants through the length and breadth of it.

But this Church providentially finds itself in possession of property which can be advantageously used toward supplying this destitution, under proper management. It consists of thirteen acres and a large brick building in the village of Asheville.

V The institution is without endowment and must depend for its support, for the present at least, upon the charities of the Church.

There are warm friends of this enterprise who have advised the sale of this property, with the consent of the original donors, and the proceeds be invested in the purchase of lands accessible and adjoining the village that may form a basis for the permanent self-support of the institution, but it is believed by your Committee that the original site will be suitable enough for the purposes designed, provided 75 or 100 acres of land, within a mile at the farthest, can be bought for wood and cultivation. It is thought that \$200 per annum ought to supply all the expenses of a student in an institution like this, including clothing. And the opportunity afforded of working with their own hands for support a portion of their time, if improved, would materially reduce the amount even of these expenses.

It is of the utmost importance in the judgment of your Committee, that the cost of living should be reduced to the very lowest point in an institution which seeks to build up this Church among the masses of the people, by rearing up a native ministry out of their own midst.

At the same time it is not thought expedient that the missionary funds of the Diocese should be drawn upon to contribute to the support of this mission, which ought to be strong enough in its claims to make its own proper appeal to the private charities of the friends of the Church in this and other Dioceses. Institutions of this nature elsewhere, as in the northwest, as soon as they have progressed in their work and commended themselves to the confidence of the Church, by patient and self-denying toil, have been found to attract the interest of the Church at large, in general and special donations throughout the whole country, and it is not doubted that the same results will follow upon the labors of faithful men to whose hands the management of this work may be committed. All will depend, under God, upon the men themselves who are engaged in this work.

Failure here is impossible to men of the old primitive and Apostolic stamp that we read of in the missionary and training labors recorded in the Book of Acts; that journal of the first missionaries of the Church, at a time too, and in a region where great interest has been awakened in the Church, and the public mind awakened to the consideration of the question, what after all its claims this Church can do towards the supply of the religious merits of this people; whether she is worthy, by her Apostolic spirit and labors to enter into the harvest of the rich fields spread out before her, to the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

In the judgment of the Committee, at least three (3) missionaries are required to give efficacy to the plan of an Associated Mission. That is the number that Nashotah, one of our most eminent missions of this kind started with; and it is a suitable number as well for a plan of sufficiently extensive missionary operations, at the outset, as for the needful purposes of mutual support and encouragement.

Without extending these remarks further, the Committee beg leave to add the following resolutions:

1. That at least three missionaries be placed by the Bishop in the mission at Asheville, so soon as funds may be provided for their support; and for the providing of the requisite means of their support, the interest of the friends of this work is earnestly solicited.

2. That the purchase of 100 acres of land for the benefit of the mission, is hereby presented as a most desirable object to the charities of the Church in this Diocese.

3. That an agent be appointed by the Bishop, if he approve, who shall present the subject of the Associate Missions and Training School to the attention of Churchmen.

J. BUXTON, Chairman.

The resolutions of the Committee were read and adopted, *seriatim*.

The report of the Committee on Itinerant Missions was taken up, and the resolution offered was passed.

The report of the Committee on the state of the Church was read:

The Committee on the state of the Church, begs leave to report that they are unable to present a correct view of the state of the Church in this Diocese, from the fact that some Parishes have failed to send in their reports.

It is evident, however, from the address of the Bishop and the reports which have been laid before the Committee, the Church is steadily if not rapidly advancing in the various parts of the Diocese. During the conventional year, there have been 822 baptisms, viz: 649 infants and 173 adults. Confirmations 516. The number of catechumens have increased, and the number of communicants now number 3,200. Marriages 164. Funerals 229.

There are fourteen (14) candidates for Orders. One Deacon has been advanced to the Priesthood; four candidates for Orders have been ordained Deacons; four Clergymen have been received into the Diocese, and two have been transferred to other Dioceses. The Committee desire to return thanks to the Bishop for his clear and decided views on the subject of Ritualism, and they trust that the Clergy throughout the Diocese will be guided in their conduct by those views inasmuch as such a course will tend much to preserve the harmony and unity which has been justly the glory of the Church in North Carolina. The Committee also trust that the Convention will give their sanctions to the convocations as recommended by the Bishop, being persuaded that such convocations will greatly assist the missionary operations of the Diocese, and thus greatly extend the Church.

E. M. FORBES, Chairman.

The Convention proceeded to elect the Standing Committee.
The following were chosen :

Rev. R. S. Mason, D. D., Rev. M. A. Curtis, D. D., Rev.
A. Smedes, D. D., W. H. Battle and G. W. Mordecai.

The following letter was read :

OFFICE NORTH CAROLINA STANDARD,
Raleigh, May 22d, 1869.

RT. REV. THOMAS ATKINSON, D. D.,

Chairman Protestant Episcopal Convention :

DEAR SIR:—Fully appreciating the importance of the cause in which you are engaged, and the interest with which it is regarded by the people, we have published in the "Standard" a report of the proceedings of your Convention. In order to contribute our mite to the spread of the spirit of Christianity which you labor to promote, we now offer to publish your proceedings gratis, in a pamphlet not to exceed one hundred pages, with whatever corrections you may make to our report, or we will take the proceeding as furnished by the Secretary, as you may prefer, with such reading matter as you may choose to include.

We remain respectfully yours,

J. B. NEATHERY & CO.

A. J. DeRossett offered the following :

Resolved, That this Convention accept with cordial thankfulness the kind and liberal proposition contained in the communication from Messrs. J. B. Neathery & Co., which has just been read.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to make the necessary arrangements for the publication of 1,200 copies of the Journals in accordance with the proposition referred to.

Pending action, the Convention adjourned until 4½ o'clock.
P. M.

4½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

The resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Rev. M. A. Curtis, D. D.,

Resolved, That in case of any Trustee of the University of the South being unable to attend any meeting of the Board, the Bishop be authorized to appoint a substitute for that meeting.

The report of the Executive Missionary Committee was read :

The Executive Missionary Committee present the following statement as showing the condition of this Fund on the first day of May, at which time the Treasurer's accounts are closed:

Balance in hand 1st May, 1868,	\$ 312 52
Contributions from Parishes,	1,916 86
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	\$2,229 38
Paid Missionaries,	2,250 00
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Balance due the Treasurer,	\$20 62

The Missionary Fund at the present time is derived from the annual contributions of the Parishes under the second resolution of the last Convention and collections made by the Bishop for this Fund in his visitations to the Parishes. The Committee report, with pleasure, that during the past year the contributions have increased to an extent that is very encouraging.

While the amount received this year, as well as the number of Parishes contributing has increased, the Committee would remind the Convention that this improved state of the fund, has allowed them to give only \$100 to each missionary. It is greatly to be desired that this small stipend should be largely increased.

And this not merely that the missionary may be relieved from privations, but because the interests of the Kingdom of God demand that the mind of the minister of God should not be distracted by the trouble of inadequate support, which unfits him for efficient work in the Master's cause.

The men who receive this money have the claim upon us, not only being the ministers of God, but are men whose lives appeal to the heart of the Church. They have been tried and found faithful. Can a generous christian people withhold from such men anything which it is in their power to give? Can a people be truly christian unless they are generous and liberal in giving to the cause of Christ.

In former years there existed a Permanent Missionary Fund, which, though not large, was gradually increasing by donations from those who had the missionary cause at heart.

This Fund was invested in stocks which have been rendered useless by the events of the war. This matter is mentioned here, with the hope of suggesting to the minds of the Churchmen of the Diocese, the advantage and importance of such a fund.

The following collections were made by the Bishop during his Spring visitations:

March 7th.	St. John's, Fayetteville,	\$46 35
" 21st.	St. John's, Wilmington,	28 06
" 28th.	St. James' "	46 11
" 31st.	Kinston,	7 87

April	1st.	Beaufort,	7 05
"	4th.	Newbern,	57 00
"	5th.	Swift Creek Bridge,	3 45
"	7th.	Snow Hill,	4 85
"	9th.	St. John's, Pitt County,	4 50
"	11th.	Trinity Church, Beaufort County.	12 10
"	12th.	St. John's, Durham Creek,	2 70
"	13th.	South Creek, Beaufort,	1 40
"	15th.	Bath,	10 53
"	16th.	St. James', Beaufort,	9 14
"	17th.	Zion,	4 50
"	18th.	Washington,	25 82
"	21st.	Williamston,	13 45
"	23d.	St. Luke's, Washington County,	6 17
"	25th.	St. David's, "	13 23
"	28th.	Elizabeth City,	17 75
"	29th.	Hertford,	10 75
May	2d.	Edenton,	33 95
"	4th.	Gatesville,	7 25
"	8th.	Windsor,	12 15
"	9th.	Woodville, Bertie,	15 72
"	11th.	Scotland Neck,	13 51
"	13th.	Tarboro',	36 62

The Committee would call the attention of the Rectors of Parishes to the second resolution of the last Convention which recommends a monthly collection for missions to be remitted quarterly to the Treasurer of the Convention.

JOS. C. HUSKE.

The Convention went into the election of Deputies to the General Convention.

The following were elected :

Rev. R. S. Mason, D. D.,	Wm. H. Battle,
Rev. A. A. Watson, D. D.,	R. H. Smith,
Rev. J. B. Cheshire, D. D.,	A. J. DeRossett,
Rev. E. M. Forbes,	R. Strange.

On motion of A. J. DeRossett,

Resolved, That the Committee appointed at the last Convention to raise a Permanent Episcopal Fund be continued.

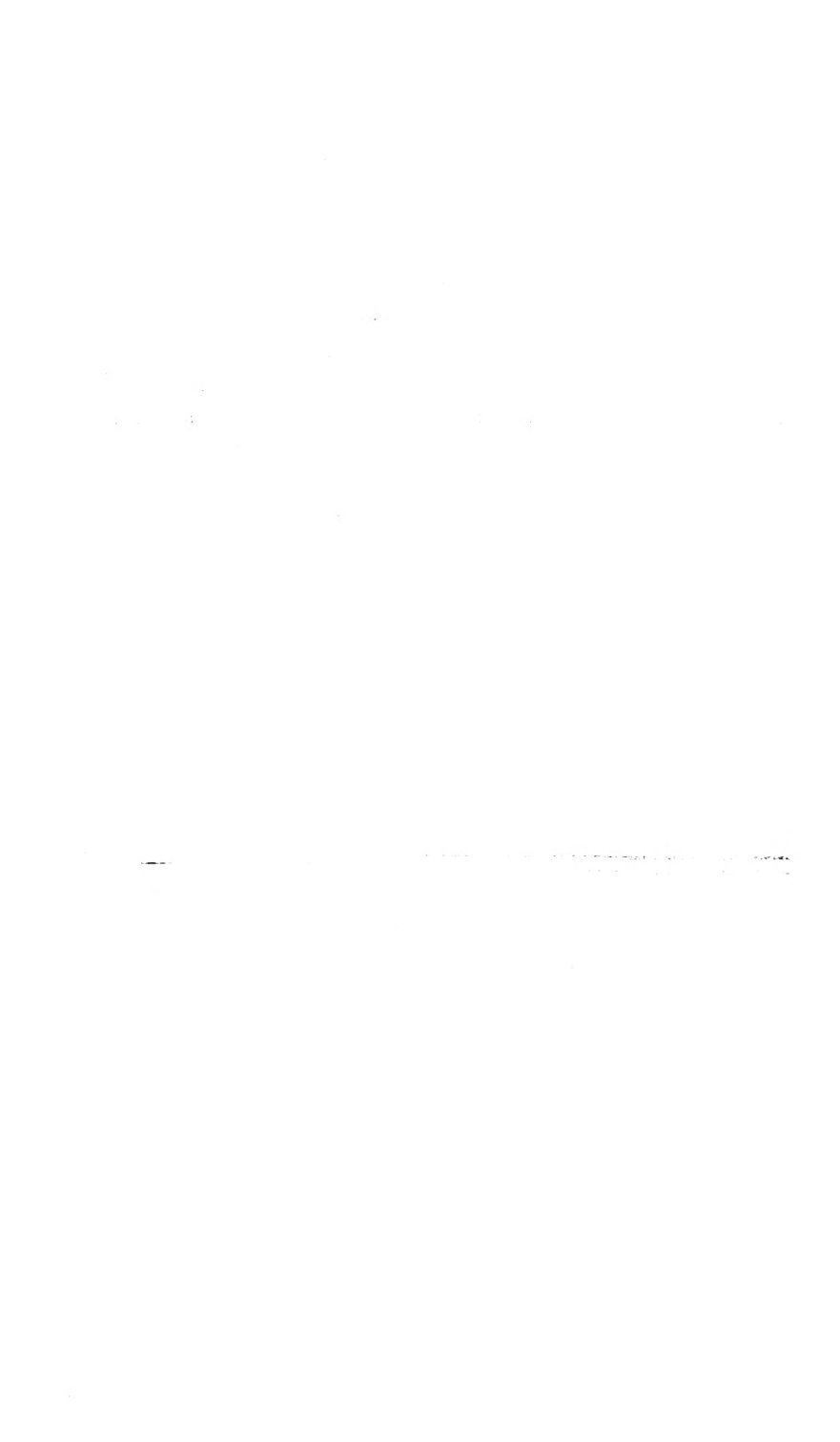
The Minutes of to-day's proceedings were read and received.

On motion the Convention adjourned *sine die*, after singing the "Gloria in excelsis."

W. N. TILLINGHAST, *Secretary*.

On Sunday morning, May 23d, Rev. Messrs. Wm. B. Gordon, Gerard W. Phelps and Luther Eborn, Deacons, were ordained to the Priesthood.

Rev. Geo. Patterson preached the sermon from 2d Cor. V, 20. "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us : we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."



APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Report of Rev. R. W. Barber, Missionary in Wilkes and Iredell Counties:

Baptisms—White, infant 1; colored, infants 2	3
Catechumens—12,	12
Confirmations—White 1	1
Communicants—Number last year, white 32, colored 4,	36
Lost by suspension—Colored 1; added by first communion, white 1; present number, white 33, colored 3,	36
Marriage—White, 1,	1
Contributions—Diocesan Missions, Bishop's salary and relief fund.	\$36 00
Domestic Missions,	4 00
Parochial objects,	5 00
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	\$45 00

Report of Rev. S. S. Barber, Missionary officiating in Hyde County:

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH.

Baptisms—Infant, white 1; adult, white 2,	3
Confirmations—3, (one in Beaufort County),	3
Communicants—Last year 6; added by first communion 2; lost by re- moval 1; present number 7,	7
Marriages—White 6; colored 2,	8
Funerals—White 1,	1
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$10 00
Convocation purposes,	10 60
Parochial objects,	64 50
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	\$85 10

Services are held in this Parish twice each month. The congregation is increasing and seems to be more and more attracted to the Church. The Parish was organized November 30th, 1868, and now seeks Union with the Convention.

SLADESVILLE, HYDE COUNTY.

I officiate once a month at this place. Through the earnest and zealous labors of Rev. Mr. Eborn an opening has been made here for the Church. Four persons from this congregation were confirmed in Beaufort at a recent visitation of the Bishop and the present number of communicants is 9, a sufficient nucleus around which to collect an interesting congregation, and build up a vigorous Parish. Services are also held at Swan Quarter and at Lake Comfort alternately on the third Sunday in each month, also at Wysocking Academy on Saturday P. M., before the fourth Sunday in each month.

ST. TIMOTHY'S PARISH, WILSON, N. C.,

REV. A. A. BENTON, RECTOR.

Baptisms—Infant, white,	6
Adult, white,	6
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Total,	12
	—
Catechumens,	41
Confirmations,	3
Communicants—Added by first Communion,	4
Added by removal,	9
Lost by death,	1
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Total now,	46
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Marriages,	3
Contributions—Diocesan missions,	\$ 11 75
Parochial objects,	346 32
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	\$358 07

CALVARY CHURCH, WADESBORO',

C. T. BLAND, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 8; colored 4,	12
Catechumens—White 10,	10
Communicants—Number last year,	25
Lost by removal,	4
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Total now,	21
Funerals—White 6; colored 1,	7
Contributions—Diocesan missions,	\$ 4 00
Bishop's salary,	19 00
Parochial objects,	185 75
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Total,	\$208 75

ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

Rev. BENJ. S. BRONSON, Rector.

White Baptisms—6 infants, 1 adult,	
Communicants last year—White, 44, colored, 3,	47
Added by first communion,	3
Lost by removal,	4
Added by removal,	2
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Whole number,	48
Marriages—White 2, colored 1,	3
Funerals 2,	2
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$ 35 00
Bishop's salary,	50 00
Domestic missions,	8 50
Parochial objects,	200 00
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	\$293 50

TRINITY CHURCH, ASHEVILLE,

REV. JARVIS BUXTON, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant —, white 1,	1
Adult,	3
	—
Total,	4
Catechumens—White,	40
Colored,	90
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Total,	130
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Confirmations,	11
Communicants,	34
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Total,	44
Marriages,	1
Funerals,	2
Contributions—Diocesan missions,	\$ 25
Collection at Bishop's visitation,	16 80
Bishop's salary,	65 00
Domestic missions,	4 00
Foreign missions,	2 00
Parochial expenses,	61 70
Communion alms,	71 82
Levrance University offering,	33 70
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Total,	\$280 02
Baptisms at Beaver Dam Chapel—Adults 4, infants 7,	11
Confirmations,	3
Number of communicants,	10
Catechumens,	43
Baptisms at Trinity Chapel, Hawcreek—White adults 1, infants 13,	14
Catechumens,	40

Services during my absence have been zealously kept up by our Lay Reader, Gen. J. G. Martin, and the Parish is much indebted to the Superintendents of the white and colored Sunday Schools for the flourishing state of those schools, and also to the teachers. We also acknowledge acceptable service in the Parish from Rev. Dr. G. T. Wilmer, of the Associate Mission.

CALVARY CHURCH, TARBORO'.

JOSEPH BLOUNT CHESHIRE, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants, white 18, colored 13,	31
Adult, white 7, colored 8,	15
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Total,	46
Catechumens,	75
Confirmations—White 9, colored 6,	15
Communicants—Added by first communion, 8 white, 6; colored removal	
1 white; lost by death, white 1; removal, white 4; total	
now, white 61, colored 10,	71
Marriages,	8
Funerals	5
Contributions—Diocesan missions,	*\$ 94 62
Bishop's salary,	70 00
Relief fund,	25 00
Education,	30 00
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	\$219 62

*Of this amount \$31 62 was collected by the Bishop at his visitation.

TRINITY CHURCH, SCOTLAND NECK.

JOS. BLOUNT CHESHIRE, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 10, colored 2,	12
Adult, white,	1
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Total,	13
Catechumens,	20
Confirmations—Added by first communion, white 5; lost by death, white	
2; removal, white 4; total now 74; colored 12,	86
Marriages,	1
Funerals,	4
Contributions—Diocesan missions,	*\$ 67 00
Bishop's salary,	70 00
Relief fund,	20 00
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	\$157 00

*Of this amount \$13 50 was collected by the Bishop at his visitations.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, HILLSBORO'.

Rev. M. A. CURTIS, Rector.

Baptisms—Adult 1, infant 1,	2
Communicants—Number last year 53, present 20,	55
Marriages,	1
Funerals,	2
Contributions—Assessment, \$143 ; Church repairs, \$1,600.	

Our Church has been much improved during the past year. The old flat roof has been replaced by a high open one, and the east end enlarged sufficiently for a recessed chancel, vestry and organ rooms. The chancel is now lighted by a handsome triplit window of stained glass, the gift of a lady of the Parish.

These much needed improvements are due chiefly to the persevering industry, for several years past, of the young ladies of the Parish.

The direct contributions in money are almost wholly from present or former residents in the Parish.

ST. MARY'S CHAPEL, ORANGE COUNTY.

Baptisms—Infants,	6
Communicants—(Last year 13,)	15
Contributions—For conventional assessment,	\$7

ZION CHURCH, BEAUFORT COUNTY.

Rev. LUTHER EBORN, Deacon.

Baptisms—White, infants 13, adult 3,	16
Catechumens—White,	35
Confirmations—White,	20
Communicants—Number last year, white 42, colored 2,	44
Added white,	12
Total now,	56
Funerals—White,	5
Contributions—Diocesan missions,	\$ 10 50
Domestic missions,	8 21
Episcopal fund,	6 50
Convocational objects,	8 10
Parochial objects,	110 50
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	\$143 89

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, BEAUFORT COUNTY.

LUTHER EBORN, Deacon.

Baptisms----	White, infant 5, adult 12,	17
Catechumens----	White,	30
Confirmations----	White,	27
Communicants----	Last year, white,	4
	Added white,	18
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	Total now,	22
Contributions----	Diocesan missions,	\$16 13
	Domestic missions,	8 33
	Episcopal fund,	6 00
	Convocational objects,	10 00
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		\$40 46

Of the number confirmed, four are properly to be reported as communicants at Sladesville, and one of St. George's Parish, Hyde County.

SLADESVILLE, HYDE COUNTY.

Baptisms----	White, infant 2, adult 8,	10
Communicants----	Number last year, white 3; added 4; total now,	7

I have cause to regret that during the past year I have not been able to do more than give this point occasional week day services. With regular services there is much reason to hope that, by the grace of God, ere long, a Parish will be organized and a commodious house of worship erected.

Besides the official acts already reported, I have to report the baptisms of two children in St. John's, Durham's Creek, the celebration of one marriage at South Creek, and the burial of one person in St. Thomas' Bath,

LUTHER EBORN.

GRACE CHURCH, MORGANTON.

Rev. NEILSON FALLS, Rector.

Baptisms----	Infant, white 9, adult 1,	10
Catechumens----	White,	30
Confirmations----	White 5, colored 1,	6
Communicants----	Number last year, white,	42
	Added by first communion, white 5, colored 1,	6
	Added by removal,	5
	Lost by removal,	2
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	Total now,	51

Contributions----	Diocesan missions,	§ 15
	Bishop's salary,	35
	Relief fund,	5
	Domestic missions,	5
	Parochial objects,	96 26
	Other objects,	36 55
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The present healthful condition of the Parish is owing in great measure, to the services as Lay Reader during the past two years, of T. G. Walton, Senior Warden.

Since the resignation of the Rev. S. C. Roberts, in April, 1867, occasional services have been kindly rendered by the Rev. Messrs. Everhart, Tillinghast and Gordon.

CHRIST CHURCH, NEWBERN.

Rev. E. M. FORBES, Rector.

Baptisms----	Adult 13, infant 29,	42
Burials,		7
Marriages,		6
Confirmations,		24
Communicants,		125
Catechumens,		130
Contributions----	Diocesan missions,	§263 00
	Bishop's salary,	200 00
	Parochial objects,	2,125 00
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The parochial school continues to prosper, and affords the means by which the children of the Church are taught their obligations to God. The ladies of the congregation have formed a Church Relief Society, which promises to do as much good in relieving the wants of the poor, and inducing them to attend the services of the Church.

Report of Rev. H. A. Skinner, Assistant Minister, Newbern :

During the year past my residence has been changed from Wilmington to Newbern. From the date of the last Convention until the last of October, I remained in Wilmington, Assistant Rector of St. John's Church, and the record of my labors there is embodied in the report of the Rector.

Since October I have acted as Assistant of the Parish of Christ Church in Newbern; and since January, 1869, have also had the charge of St. Mary's Church, Kinston. I have performed the following official acts:

Baptisms—White adults	2
Infant,	1
Colored adults,	2
Infant,	2
Marriage—Colored,	1
Funerals—White; 2 colored 1,	3

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BEAUFORT,

VIRGINIUS O. GEE, Deacon.

Baptisms—White, infants 2; adult 1,	3
Catechumens—White,	60
Confirmations—White,	8
Communicants—Number last year, whole, 45; colored 3,	48
Added by first Communion, white,	8
Added by removal, white,	4
Lost by death, 1; by removal 8 white, 1 colored,	9
Total now, white 48; colored 2,	50
Funerals—Colored,	3
Contributions—Diocesan missions,	\$ 7 05
Bishop's salary,	40 00
Parochial objects,	25 42
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	\$72 47

The above report extends only from the 20th of February to the present, during which time I have had charge of the Parish.

The following are the official acts of my predecessor, the Rev. William E. Snowden:

Baptisms—White 1; colored 2,	3
Marriages,	1
Burials—White 4; colored 1,	5

Report of William B. Gordon, Deacon:

On the first Sunday, November, 1868, I took charge of the Memorial Chapel, which is attached to our Parochial school building in the part of Newbern which is inhabited principally by the poorer class of our population. I have read prayers and preached regularly morning and evening in the above mentioned Chapel. On Wednesday night of each week I have read prayers and

preached at private houses, usually having a large congregation—sometimes more than the house would hold. I have a flourishing Sunday School in connection with the Chapel numbering over 50 pupils, composed principally of the children of the Charity School.

Our Parochial School, of which Rev. E. M. Forbes is Rector and I am head-master, numbers 157 pupils. Above one-third of these are charity scholars. The school is opened each day with the full morning service. All the children take part in the singing, being taught in this branch by two of our ladies free of charge.

Since November first I have performed the following official acts:

Baptisms—White adults,	3
Infants,	25
Colored adults,	3
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Total,	31
Marriages—Colored,	2
Funerals—White,	2

I have distributed 103 prayer books, kindly given me by the New York Bible and Prayer Book Society; most of them to persons who had never seen one before. I have also circulated many tracts.

Great good might be done by this mission if it was in charge of some one who had the time to attend to it. As I am engaged in the school 7 hours in the day I cannot of course give it the proper attention.

My official acts for the rest of the time since last Convention are included in the report of Christ Church, Newbern, with the exception of those performed in the months of August and September last, which are included in the report of Grace Church, Morganton.

TRINITY CHURCH, BEAUFORT COUNTY.

REV. ISRAEL HARDING, RECTOR, AND MISSIONARY IN PARTS ADJACENT.

TRINITY CHURCH.

Baptisms—White adult 2; colored 1; total,	3
Catechumens—White 40; colored 6,	46
Confirmations—White 3; colored 1,	4
Communicants—White 50; colored 2,	52
Added, white 3; colored 4,	7
Added by removals white 1; colored 2,	3
Lost by death, white 1; colored 2,	3
Total now, 51 white; 8 colored,	59
Funerals—White 4; colored 1,	5

Contributions—Assessment,	850 00
Domestic Missions,	5 00
Parochial objects,	6 17
Collection Bishop's visitation,	12 10
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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENVILLE.

Baptisms—White infant, 3; adult 1; total,	4
Catechumens—White 30,	30
Communicants—White 25; colored 1,	26
Funeral—White 1,	1
Contributions—For assessment,	820 64
Domestic missions,	3 68
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Total,	824 32

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, DURHAM'S CREEK.

Baptisms—White infants,	3
Confirmations—White,	3
Communicants—Last year 12, added 1st Com. 2,	14
Marriages—White,	1
Funerals—White,	1
Contributions—Collections at Bishop's Visitations for Diocesan Missions,	82 70

ST. PAUL'S PARISH, CRAVEN COUNTY.

Baptisms—White infant,	1
Catechumens—White,	
Confirmations—White,	7
Communicants,	10
Contributions at Bishop's Visitations for Diocesan Missions,	83 45

This Parish for a long time almost extinct has been reorganized; a vestry elected; and a Sunday and a day School established under favorable auspices.

SOUTH CREEK MISSION.

This point, nine miles from St. John's, Durham's Creek, is attended on the same day with that Parish, and there are favorable prospects for the organization of a Parish, and the building of a Church.

Confirmations,	4
Communicants—White,	5
Collection at Bishop's Visitation for Diocesan Missions,	\$1 40
ISRAEL HARDING.	

Report of Rev. T. B. Haughton, Deacon Missionary in charge of St. Luke's Parish, Washington, and parts adjacent.

Baptisms—Infants 3, adults 2,	5
Confirmations,	3
Communicants 14, added by first Communion 1,	15
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$6 17
Bishop's Salary,	20 00
Parochial objects,	5 00
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	\$31 17

In this Parish I officiated every second Sunday. The congregations have generally been good. The members, though few in number, are devoted to the Church, and are regular in attendance upon the services.

GRACE CHURCH, PLYMOUTH.

Baptisms—Infants 12, adults 5,	17
Catechumens,	20
Confirmations,	5
Communicants—White 38, colored 2, added by 1st Communion 2,	42
Lost by death,	1
Ceased to Commune,	10
Total now—White 29, colored 2,	31
Marriages—White 3, colored 1,	4
Funerals—White,	5
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$ 5 00
Bishop's Salary,	42 00
Domestic Missions,	5 00
Parochial objects,	46 89
Special collection by Bishop,	18 64
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	\$117 53

This Parish has had much to contend with since 1861. The impoverished condition of its members, together with a debt hanging over the Church, was sufficient to produce despondency. By an appeal to friends abroad and the co-operation of friends at home, we have been enabled to liquidate the debt against the Church, which was consecrated in April last. An effort is now being

made to purchase an organ. We are greatly indebted to Col. R. S. Goelet for his great efficiency in the capacity of Lay Reader. We are also indebted to the vestry of St. Paul's, Edenton, for the present of a furnace, which came too late to be used during cold weather.

In consequence of having no way of heating the Church, the Sunday School was suspended during the winter, but has recently been resumed under the direction of one of the lady members of the Parish.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, WILLIAMSTON.

Baptisms---Infant, white 11, colored 1, adult, white 3,	15
Catechumens,	30
Confirmations,	9
Communicants---Number last year, 18 white, 3 colored,	21
Added by first communion,	9
Removal,	2
Total,	28
Marriages---Colored,	2
Contributions---Diocesan missions,	\$ 13 45
Bishop's salary,	38.
Domestic missions,	10
Parochial objects,	44
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	\$105 45

I officiate in this Parish twice on the 4th Sunday of each month to large congregations. There is a growing interest manifested in the services by those of other folds. In this Parish I have a band of faithful and zealous co-workers, whose energies are ever directed to the welfare of the Church.

A vestry room has been added to the Church, and the lot has been enclosed by a neat and substantial fence. There is a prosperous Sunday School conducted by a corps of earnest workers.

With the consent of the Bishop, I have established a missionary station at Hamilton, a village 13 miles from Williamston. There I officiate on the 3rd Sunday in each month. In this field I have been greatly aided in my work by a family whose devotion to the Church is known to those acquainted with this portion of the Diocese. A Sunday School has been opened at this station under the care of a christian lady.

In Hamilton I have baptized three adults and three infants, and have married one couple, which are included in the Parochial report of the Church of the Advent.

T. B. HAUGHTON.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, EDENTON.

REV. FRANCIS W. HILLIARD, Rector.

Baptisms----	White, infant 6, adult 1, colored, infant 3,	10
Catechumens----	White,	60
Confirmations----	White,	9
Communicants----	Last year, white 81, colored 16,	97
	Added by first communion, white 16, colored 2,	18
	Restoration, white 5, colored 3,	8
	Removal, white 6,	6
	Lost by death, white 5, colored 1,	6
	Lost by removal, white 3,	3
	Total now, white 100, colored 20,	120
Marriages----	White,	5
Funerals----	White 10, colored 1,	11
Contributions----	Diocesan missions,	\$ 53 20
	Bishop's salary,	108
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		\$161 20

The contributions for Parochial objects are not mentioned for the reason that they have been mainly for the support of the Rector, whose salary it is not usual to include in the Parochial reports. This Parish has been trying for the past year the Free Church system, pure and simple, depending for the payment of its minister upon the weekly offertory. The success of this system may be estimated by the fact that a larger sum has been received than was obtained from pew rents the previous year. Its effect has likewise been observed in a rapid increase in the size of the ordinary congregations, and a very great improvement in the tone and spirit of the Parish. The loss by death has been severe. Few heavier bereavements could befall any Parish, than we have suffered in the removal from the earth of Mrs. Henrietta E. Page.

REPORT OF CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, HERTFORD.

Baptisms----	White, infants,	4
Catechumens----	White,	28
Confirmations----	White,	4
Marriages----	White,	3
Communicants,		50
Contributions----	Bishop's fund,	\$28 00

This Parish being still vacant, I continue to officiate monthly. I trust that it will soon be supplied with a resident. He will find a wide field of usefulness, full of promise and encouragement.

F. W. HILLIARD.

Report of Rev. Horace G. Hilton, Minister of St. Thomas Church, Bath, and Missionary in parts adjacent.

Baptisms—Infants, white 12, colored 4,	16
Adults, white 6, colored 4,	10
Total,	—
Catechumens,	26
Communicants—Last year, white 31, colored 2,	33
Added by first Communion, white 16, colored 3,	19
Added by Removal, white 9,	9
Lost by death, white,	1
Lost by removal, white 2, Colored 2,	4
Total now,	56
Marriages,	2
Funerals—White 5, colored 3,	8
Contributions—Diocesan Missions, (about)	\$10 00
Bishops Salary,	4 00
Relief Fund,	2 00
Permanent Fund,	2 00
Parochial objects,	115 00
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	\$133 00

One of the marriages reported above was performed in Trinity Church, Beaufort County, and two of the number confirmed were from St. John's, Durham's Creek.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE.

Rev. J. C. HUSKE, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white,	45
Adult, white,	4
Total,	—
Catechumens—White 120, colored 100,	49
Confirmations—White 16, colored 3,	220
Communicants—Last year, white 162, colored 17,	19
Added by first Communion, white 19, colored 8,	179
Added by removal, white 3, colored 1,	27
Lost by death, white,	4
Removal, white 18, colored 1,	3
Withdrawal, colored,	19
	1
Total now, white 163, colored 24,	—
	187

Marriages—White 10, colored 5,	15
Funerals—White 16, colored 3,	19
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$46 00
Bishop's Salary,	358 00
Dom. Missions,	
Parochial objects,	240 32
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	\$644 32

This Parish continues to suffer by removals, owing mostly to its depressed commercial condition. It is encouraging, however, I think, to be able to report that the loss in numbers has been more than made up during the year by additions to the communion from the home population, and that the average attendance at the Holy Communion appears to be greater than in the more prosperous times of the Parish. Of the number of baptisms reported, three took place at Rockfish, and twenty-four more of children belonging to the Parochial School, which continues in operation by means of the efforts of the Ladies Benevolent Society of the Parish. During the year, they have built a neat School House in rear of the Church, fitted it up comfortably and furnished it with diagrams and cards suited to convey secular and religious knowledge to the minds of the young. The children seem devoted to the School, and the whole effect of the care bestowed upon them, and the interest taken in them has been, I think, to conciliate much good feeling towards the Church in the minds of their parents and friends.

The School for colored children continues full in numbers, and the children make gratifying progress. There is a Sunday School kept up by Mrs. Hall in connexion with the day school, numbering from fifty to seventy-five scholars. The colored people in this Parish seem to have a kindly feeling towards the Church, as is shown by the fact that the number of Communicants, tho' small at most, has doubled since the war; and the attendance on the worship of the Church has increased. I regret that my health does not allow me to give them a service regularly on Sunday. I think a goodly congregation could soon be gathered from this class by a zealous and judicious minister.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WASHINGTON.

Rev. N. COLLIN HUGHES, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, White,	19
Adult, white,	5
Total,	<hr/> 24
Confirmations—White 20, colored 1,	21
Communicants—Last year, white 58, colored 1,	59
Added by first Communion,	7
Removal, white 3, colored 2,	5
Lost by death,	1
Removal,	5
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Total now, white 62, colored 3,	65

Funerals,	8
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$25 02
Assessment,	118 00
Parochial objects, about	1,300 00
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	\$1,443 02

ST. JOHN'S PARISH, PITT COUNTY.

Rev. S. W. KENNERLY, Rector and missionary in parts adjacent.

Baptisms—Infant 5, adult 4,	9
Confirmations,	9
Communicants—Number last year, white 36, colored 3,	39
Added by first Communion, white,	9
Removal, white,	3
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Total,	45
Marriages—White,	1
Funerals—White,	1
Communion collections,	\$7 55

Regular afternoon services have been held at one Station during the Spring and Summer months.

The communicants attending at said Stations are included in the report of the number of Communicants of St. John's Parish, with all other official work.

The amount collected for the Bishop's Salary and the Relief Fund was sent to the Treasurer of the Diocese, by the Treasurer of the Parish, and he neglected to report the amount to me. It will appear in the report of the Diocesan Treasurer. No collections for other purposes could be made. The people complain of pecuniary inability. I hope we will do better in the future.

PARISH OF ST. BARNABAS AND ADJOINING STATIONS, GREENE COUNTY.

Baptisms—Infants 4, Adults 2,	6
Confirmations,	3
Communicants 7, Added by first Communion 3,	10
Removals,	8
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Total,	18

I have three stations within the bounds of this Parish, at which I hold regular monthly services. The Communicants scattered through these stations are included in the above report. This is a young Parish. Prospects at present are flattering. I have good congregations at all the stations, with an apparent increasing interest in the services of the Church. Several candidates for con-

Contributions—For each communicant \$2.00,	\$300 00
Parochial Objects,	187 23
Domestic Missions,	45 00
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	\$532 23

Since the last Convention a Parochial School has been established, consisting at present of about 60 pupils. It is maintained partly by payment from the parents of the children instructed, and partly by contributions from members of the Parish.

Efforts are also making to establish a Missionary Chapel in the outskirts of the city. A convenient building for the purpose has been procured on very advantageous terms, and one half the purchase money has been already paid.

Report of Rev. T. S. W. Mott.

The undersigned reports to the Bishop of the Diocese that he is still in Catawba County, where he has been residing on his farm since July, 1864. Though incapacitated through hoarseness and feebleness of voice, for the constant discharge of his calling, he has not, he trusts, during these several years, been unmindful or needlessly negligent of his official duty. Such previous acts as he has found opportunity of performing have been reported to preceding Conventions.

During the last year he has officiated two or three times in Newton, and occasionally assisted in the services at Charlotte and Lincolnton, where he resorts as often as circumstances have admitted, for the purpose of participating in the services and communion of the Church. During the last year he has baptized one child, has visited the sick and officiated around him as opportunity offered, and used his best endeavors among such members of the Church as he has found dispersed around the country, to disseminate the knowledge of her principles, and to keep alive the spirit of christian piety. There are two or three points in the country where he thinks the services of the Church would be kindly received. Respecting these, he hopes to be able to speak more decidedly next year.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, HIGH SHOALS, GASTON COUNTY.

F. J. MURDOCK, Deacon in charge.

Baptisms—Infants, white 17, colored 7, adults, white 5, colored 5,	34
Catechumens—White 70, colored 70,	140
Communicants—White 3, colored 4,	7
Marriages—Colored,	1
Burial—White,	1
Contributions—Communion Alms,	\$275 00

I entered upon my duties in this Parish in October last. During the winter I have held occasional services at Long Creek Furnace and Dallas, in this

County, and also at Rehoboth Furnace, in Lincoln County. At the latter point there is a Sunday School kept up by a zealous Communicant. Rev. W. Wetmore has services at Rehoboth also. At Dallas we have one Communicant. Though our number of laborers is small yet all the Communicants who can teach, work zealously. It is my happiness to labor among those who earnestly strive to do what they can. We believe that Almighty God will, in his own good time, give us a blessing, and therefore we think the prospect here to be as bright as the promises of God.

CHRIST CHURCH, ELIZABETH CITY.

REV. J. W. MURPHY, Rector.

Baptisms—White, infant 11, colored, infant 2,	13
Catechumens—White 60, colored 15,	75
Confirmations—White,	9
Communicants—Last year white 76, colored 9,	85
Added by first Communion 8, enrollment 1,	9
Added by removal, white 7, colored 1,	8
Lost by death, white,	2
Lost by removal, white,	2
Total now, white 88, colored 10,	98
Marriages—White 3, colored 1,	4
Burials—White 7, colored 1,	8
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$36 43
Domestic Missions,	9 68
Communion Alms,	44 05
Weekly Offertory,	129 54
Offering of the Sunday School,	25 15
New York Bible and Pr. B'k Soc.,	3 00
Education Fund,	5 76
Bishop's Salary,	78 88
Last year's Assessment, balance up, made	49 87
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	\$382 36

In addition to the amount reported above, as received by weekly offertory, the greater part of the Rector's salary was received.

Last summer I gave one Sunday to St. David's Parish, Seuppernong, and while there baptized one adult and two children; I have also baptized two children in Henderson. These are not included in the number reported above.

In February I commenced a monthly service on Sunday afternoon at St. Barnabas Chapel, Woodville. There are now 10 Communicants here.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LENOIR CALDWELL COUNTY.

The undersigned, Warden of St. James' Church, respectfully reports that there have been no Episcopal services in this Parish during the past Conventional year, except two services by Rev. Mr. Falls, and those performed by the Bishop on his annual visitation, on which occasion he confirmed two persons, and two or three services by the Rev. Mr. Tillinghast, at which time he baptized one white infant; and also two or three services performed by the Rev. Mr. Oertel, who has recently been transferred from the Diocese of New York to this Diocese, and who took charge of the Parish in April last, only a few weeks however before the close of the Conventional year.

Baptisms—White, infant	1
Confirmations—White,	2
Communicants—Present number,	24

S. F. PATTERSON, Warden.

The above report is made without the aid of the Parish Register, and may not be *entirely* accurate, but is believed to be so.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LENOIR.

REV. JOHANNES A. OERTEL, Deacon.

To RT. REV. TH. ATKINSON, D. D.

Right Rev. and Dear Sir:—I respectfully report that I arrived at Lenoir from New York, in the evening of Saturday, April 24th, and opened the Church for Divine Service the Sunday following, P. M. Since then I have continued Divine Service every Sunday morning. I also organized a Sunday School, with abbreviated evening prayer and catechetical instruction each Sunday afternoon.

By the kindness of friends at the North, St. James' Church is provided with a small good organ, service books, communion service, alms basin, vestments, Bibles, prayer and Sunday School books, etc., so that the service could be opened once more with becoming propriety.

I have also made arrangements for regular Divine Service in the Valley of the Yadkin on the afternoon of each second, or at least third Sunday.

ST. DAVID'S CHURCH, SCUPPERNONG, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Rev. W. S. PETTIGREW, Deacon in charge.

Baptisms—White, infant 9, adult 1,	10
Marriages—White 2, colored 1,	3
Catechumens—White,	25
Communicants—White, including 3 recently confirmed,	42
Contributions—Diocesan missions,	\$13 23
Parochial purposes,	5
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	\$18 23

The present incumbent has been officiating in this Parish since the 14th of February last, with the consent of the Bishop. During which time he has preached every Sunday, in the forenoon at St. David's, to a white congregation, and every alternate Sunday, in the afternoon, at Lake Scuppernong, to a white and colored congregation. Until the 14th of February last, there had been no Clergymen in charge of the Church since the winter of 1861. The present incumbent was the Lay Reader from the 7th April, 1867, to the 31st January, 1869, the time of his ordination. There is a successful Sunday School, which is most useful to the Church. The Parish has been much impoverished by the results of the war. Since which it has not been in the flourishing condition in which it previously was. But it is improving. The indications are that it will continue to do so under God's blessing.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, GATESVILLE.

Rev. G. W. PHELPS, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 12, colored 1,	13
Adult, white, 1 colored 1,	2
Total,	15
Catechumens—White 40, colored 6,	46.
Confirmations—White,	3
Communicants—Number last year,	33
Added by first communion,	3
Lost by death,	1
Total, white 34, colored 1,	35
Funerals,	1
Contributions—Diocesan missions,	\$ 7 25
Bishop's salary,	20 50
Domestic missions,	3 00
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	\$30 75

ST. MARY'S PARISH, KINSTON, LENOIR COUNTY.

Rev. H. A. SKINNER, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant,	3
Catechumens,	40
Communicants,	9
Funerals,	1
Contributions—Diocesan missions,	\$ 7 00
Communion alms,	12 00
Salary of Clergyman,	100 00
Parochial objects,	60 00
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	\$179 00

The undersigned respectfully reports that he assumed the charge of this Parish in January last, and found it in a feeble and depressed state. The congregation impoverished and somewhat scattered, struggling against invincible prejudice in the community, besides having been deprived for five or six years of regular services. The Sunday School had been revived under an earnest Layman, assisted by several others. They are working quietly and persistently, doing much good, and accomplishing far more than is done by my semi-monthly visits to the Parish. The Church building at Kinston is in good preservation, and will soon be enclosed by a substantial fence.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, RALEIGH.

Rev. ALBERT SMEDES, D. D., Rector.

Confirmed,	4
Communicants—Resident,	10
Contributions,	\$179 80
Of this the Treasurer has received for Episcopal fund,	\$24 00
Relief fund,	18 00
Diocesan mission,	90 00

Of our sixty-five boarding pupils, thirty-seven are communicants. A class of thirteen are now ready for confirmation. Our condition has been much more prosperous than it has been since the war.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, PITTSBORO'.

Rev. R. B. SUTTON, Rector, and missionary in parts adjacent.

Baptisms—Infant, white 11, colored 2, adult 1,	14
Confirmations—White 11, colored 2,	13
Communicants—Number last year, white 49, colored 1,	50
Added by first communion, white 8, colored 2,	10
Added by removal,	1
Lost by removal,	4
Total now, white 53, colored 3,	56
Marriages—White 4, colored 1,	5
Funerals—White 5, colored 1,	6
Contributions—Diocesan missions,	\$ 41 58
Bishop's salary,	30 00
Domestic missions,	10 25
Foreign missions,	5 00
Education fund,	8 50
Parochial objects,	235 95
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	\$331 28

HAYWOOD MISSION.

Rev. R. B. SUTTON, Missionary.

Confirmations—White,	2
Communicants—Number last year,	12
Added by first communion, white,	2
Lost by death, white,	1
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Total,	13
Funerals—White,	1

ST. MARK'S, GULF, CHATHAM COUNTY.

Baptisms—Adult, white,	1
Confirmations—White,	2
Communicants—Added by first communion, white,	2
Lost by death, white,	1
Lost by removal,	1
Total now,	
Funerals—White,	2
Collections,	\$9 77

R. B. SUTTON.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH, WILMINGTON.

Rev. R. E. TERRY, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants, white 12; colored 7,	19
Adult, white 6; colored 3; total,	28
Catechumens—White,	80
Confirmations,	18
Communicants—Number last year,	150
Added by first Communion,	19
Added by removal,	10
Lost by death,	5
Lost by removal,	7
Excommunicated,	1
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Total,	167
Marriages,	9
Funerals—White 16; colored 2,	18

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LOUISBURG,

P. D. THOMPSON, Rector.

Baptisms—White 1; colored 1,	2
Catechumens—White,	20
Communicants—White 27; colored 1,	29
Added by removal,	4
Lost by removal, white 8; colored 9,	9
Total, white 23; colored 1,	24
Marriages—Colored 1,	1
Funerals—White, 1,	1
Contributions—Bishop's salary,	\$38 00
Parochial objects,	15 55
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	\$53 55

The above report embraces the five months preceding the Convention, beginning with December, 1868. Before this time the Church had been without a Rector since June, 1867. The Parish has suffered severely from removals so that the number of communicants is much reduced, but those who remain manifest such interest as to give us ground to hope that the Church will soon be in a condition of prosperity.

ST. LUKE'S PARISH, SALISBURY,

REV. J. H. TILLINGHAST, Rector.

Baptisms—White, 8; colored 2,	10
Adult 1; colored 1,	2
Total, white 9; colored 3,	12
Catechumens,	35
Confirmations—White 8; colored 8,	16
Communicants—Last year, white 70; colored 2.	72
Added by first communion,	5
Lost by death, white,	2
Lost by removal, white,	15
Total now, white 53; colored 2.	55
Marriages,	2
Funerals,	6
Contributions—Diocesan missions,	\$ 3 90
Bishop's salary,	110 00
Parochial objects,	739 96
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	\$853 86

There are a good many persons connected with this Parish as communicants whose connection is nominal. They are *dead branches*, they do not attend public worship or receive the Communion, *such are not reported*, having practically "excommunicated" themselves.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, GOLDSBORO',

REV. GEO. W. STICKNEY, Rector.

Baptisms—White, infants 20; adult 1,	21
Catechumens,	26
Confirmations,	10
Communicants—Number last year,	47
Added by first Communion,	11
Added by removal,	4
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Lost by removal,	4
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Total now,	58
Marriages, white 1; colored 1,	2
Funerals,	4
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$ 8 40
Bishop's salary,	46 00
Relief Fund,	2 50
Domestic missions,	2 50
Education fund,	2 50
Parochial objects,	623 48
Other objects,	26 50
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	\$711 88

The Rectorship began in June last. By consent of the Vestry and with the view to an increased and proper support, one Sunday in each month has been given to St. Paul's Church, Clinton. Other ministrations have been rendered on week days to Magnolia, Kenansville and Smithfield, as respectively reported. The Sunday School, under its efficient Superintendent Mr. R. T. Fulghum, is in a pleasing state of prosperity. Acknowledgement is made of a donation of books for the Sunday School library from several of the Churches in Baltimore, and of a Communion service by the former Rector, Rev. W. C. Hunter, now of Augusta, Georgia. Much has been accomplished by the ladies of the congregation. The churchyard also has been greatly improved under the Rector's personal responsibility. An effort is being made to remove a burdensome debt upon the organ, greatly increased by long standing.

GEO. W. STICKNEY.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CLINTON.

Rev. GEO. W. STICKNEY, Rector.

Baptisms—White, infant 11, adult 3,	14
Catechumens,	16
Confirmations,	2
Communicants—Number last year, white 31, colored 2,	33
Added by first communion,	1
Added by removal,	3
Lost by removal,	1
Total now, white 34, colored 2,	36
Contributions—Diocesan missions,	\$ 2 00
Bishop's salary,	35 27
Relief fund,	2 00
Domestic missions,	2 55
Education fund,	2 70
Parochial objects,	360 87
Other objects,	16 00
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	\$421 39

I took charge in August last, giving services monthly, and administering the Holy Communion.

Regular Lay services have been begun and continued on other Sundays.

The Church has been completed, and with the purchase of Melodeon, chancel furniture, lamps, &c., included in amounts above, and with the donations of a handsome chancel carpet through Mrs. Frederick Fitzgerald, of Hartford, Connecticut, and of a Communion Service by Mrs. Richard C. Holmes, of Clinton, now awaits consecration.

The Sunday School is in successful operation, under its efficient Superintendent, Col. A. McKoy.

G. W. STICKNEY.

*Report of Missionary operations of Rev. G. W. Stickney, in
the Counties of Duplin and Johnson.*

MAGNOLIA, DUPLIN COUNTY.

Baptisms—White infant,	1
Candidate for confirmation—White,	1
Communicants—White,	3
Contributions—Parochial object,	\$4 30

After several visits to the communicants at this place, the use of the Academy was kindly placed at our disposal, a service was held, the Bishop visiting and preaching.

KENANSVILLE, DUPLIN COUNTY.

Communicants—White,	8
Confirmations—White,	2
Candidates for confirmation—White,	1
Communion celebrated,	3
Contributions—Parochial objects,	\$50
Other objects,	2 30
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	\$52 30

Ministrations began here in August last, prior to which there had been but one, extended by the Bishop several years since. They have been continued monthly on week days and nights, and have been celebrated in a school room.

SMITHFIELD, JOHNSTON COUNTY.

Baptisms—White, infant 6, adult 1,	7
Catechumens—Candidates for confirmation,	4
Communicants—Added by first communion, white,	8
Contributions—Parochial objects,	\$8 50

A visit on a week day and night, followed by a second with public and private offices has discovered a great disposition to have the ministrations continued, and arrangements are now being made to effect the same at least monthly upon a weekly day, if not—as would be more acceptable—on an occasional Lord's day.

The Holy Communion has been celebrated once, and the baptisms administered in private houses, having no Church building.

GEO. W. STICKNEY.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, OXFORD.

Rev. M. H. VAUGHAN, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white,	4
Catechumens—White 60, colored 100,	160
Confirmations—White,	8
Communicants—Number last year, white, 76; colored 2.	78
Added by first Communion,	4
Lost by removal,	7
Lost by death,	2
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Total now, white 71; colored 2.	73
Marriages—White 7, colored 4,	11
Funerals—White 4, colored 4,	8

Contributions—Bishop's salary,	\$ 45 40
Diocesan mission,	25 00
Foreign and domestic missions,	2 50
Parochial objects,	154 19
Collection at Bishop's visitation,	19 75
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Total,	\$246 85

M. H. VAUGHAN.

ST. JAMES' PARISH, WILMINGTON.

Rev. A. A. WATSON, Rector.

Rev. GEO. PATTERSON, Assistant.

Baptisms—Infant, white 46, colored 4,	50
Adult, white 10, colored 2,	12
Total, white 56, colored 6,	62
Catechumens,	200
Confirmations—White 23, colored 1,	24
Communicants—Total white 369, colored 4,	373
Marriages—White,	13
Funerals—White 23; colored 2,	25
Contributions—Diocesan missions, exclusive of pew rents,	8 326 78
Bishop's salary,	718 00
Diocesan relief fund,	106 20
Gen. Con. Clergy and relief fund,	72 85
Diocesan education fund,	71 30
Parochial objects,	3,644 40
Other objects,	57 75
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Total,	\$4,997 28
Total by public offering,	\$2,831 45
“ “ private,	2,165 83
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	\$4,997 28

The resolution of the general convention under which the above mentioned collection (\$72 85) for the Clergy Relief Fund was made, having left one half of the amount collected at the disposal of the vestry. It was by the vestry appropriated to the missions of the Diocese.

The whole amount, therefore, contributed by this Parish to Diocesan missions has been \$363 20.

Among the offerings of the past year should be included a handsome corona for the chancel, and a large and costly flagon for the Communion service for which (the flagon) we are in part indebted to the kindness and liberality of a friend in another part of the Diocese.

In connection with the Parish 12 poor children are supplied with opportunities of education at an excellent school. Besides this there had been maintained for several months, by some of the ladies of the Parish a weekly industrial free school at which about 90 children (with an average attendance of from 35 to 40) have been instructed in needle-work.

In addition to the regular Sunday School instruction the children of the Parish are publicly catechized in the Church and in the presence of the congregation once a month.

Upon the whole, there is much in the condition of the Parish to encourage its Clergy. They have many reasons for love and gratitude towards the members of the flock and to God who has bestowed his grace upon them.

A. A. WATSON,
GEORGE PATTERSON.

ST. PAUL'S COLORED CONGREGATION, WILMINGTON, N. C.

Baptisms—Infant, 18; adult 1; total, 19	19
Catechumens,	50
Confirmations,	7
Communicants,	48
Marriages,	9
Funerals,	11
Contributions—Parochial objects,	\$196 07

A large proportion of all the public work in this congregation has been kindly and freely undertaken by the Rev. Daniel Morelle. It is due from the congregation to him to acknowledge thus publicly his constant and valuable services rendered often at the expense of much self-denial. The Clergy in charge see much reason for encouragement in the work. The frequent ministrations of the Bishop and his constant care have contributed largely to this result.

There is in connection with the congregation a large and flourishing colored school maintained by the Freedman's Commission of the Church, under the care of two faithful daughters of the Church.

ALFRED A. WATSON,
GEORGE PATTERSON,
Clergy in charge.

CHRIST CHURCH, ROWAN COUNTY,

REV. GEO. B. WETMORE, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants, white,	8
Adult, white 1, colored 1,	2
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Total,	10
Catechumens,	30

Confirmations, white,	2
Communicants last year—White 60, colored 3,	63
Added by first Communion, white,	2
Added by removal, white,	2
Lost by removal, white,	1
Lost by death, white,	3
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Total now,	63
Marriages, colored,	2
Funerals, white 4; colored 1,	5
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$ 6 30
Bishop's Salary,	5 55
Relief fund,	2 23
Domestic Missions,	1 00
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	\$15 08

ST. ANDREWS' CHURCH, ROWAN.

REV. G. B. WETMORE, Rector.

Baptisms---Infant, white 6,	6
Catechumens---White,	18
Confirmations---White 2; colored 1,	3
Communicants---Last year, white,	28
Added by first Communion, white 2; colored 1,	3
Lost by removal, white,	1
Total now, white 29; colored 1,	30
Marriages—White, 4; colored 3,	7
Funerals—White,	6
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$ 2 89
Bishop's salary,	10 00
Relief Fund,	86
Domestic missions,	3 00
Foreign missions,	3 00
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	\$19 75

ST. JAMES', IREDELL.

REV. G. B. WETMORE, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants, white,	8
Confirmations—White,	3
Communicants—Last year, white 51; colored 8,	59
Added by first Communion, white,	3
Lost by death, white,	2
Total, white 52; colored 8,	60

Marriages, white,	1
Funerals, white,	3
Services discontinued at other points.	

GEO. B. WETMORE.

ST. LUKE'S, LINCOLNTON,

REV. W. R. WETMORE, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white, 5; colored 5, (4 at High Shoals),	10
Adult, white 1; colored 1,	2
Total,	12
Catechumens—White 50; colored 15,	65
Confirmations—White 7; colored 3, (3 at High Shoals),	10
Communicants—No. last year, white 39; colored 5,	44
Added by first Communion, white 6; colored 1.	7
removal, white,	4
Returned to Communion, white,	1
Lost by death, white,	1
Lost by removal, white,	1
Improperly reported last year, white,	1
Total now, white, 47; colored 6,	53
Marriages—White,	1
Funerals—White, 3; colored 2,	5
Contributions—Diocesan missions,	\$ 12 43
Bishop's salary,	56 05
Domestic missions,	4 52
Foreign missions,	3 85
Parochial objects,	103 01
Other objects,	4 75
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	\$184 61

I feel encouraged to continue my labors at several missionary points, where I have begun to hold regular services.

W. R. WETMORE.

ASSOCIATE MISSION AND TRAINING SCHOOL, ASHEVILLE.

REV. G. T. WILMER, Principal.

Having received in March last, an appointment from the Bishop, to take charge of a Theological Seminary and Associated Mission at Asheville, I have but little more to report than the fact of entering upon my duties. One student has commenced the study of Divinity.

It is designed to connect a Parish School with the Seminary. The proposed missionary operations will be outside the limits of Asheville. The

prospect is encouraging. Already the efficient zeal of Rev. Mr. Buxton and his congregation have established several missionary stations hereafter to be included in this mission.

Calvary Church, Henderson County, and other points will be added. Our Church has the respect and confidence of people in all the region around. This is manifested by their readiness to send their children to the Sunday School, which forms an important element at each station.

I have baptized one adult and one infant.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, WINDSOR.

REV. EDWARD WOOTEN, Rector.

I took charge of St. James' Parish, Kittrell's Springs, in June, 1868, where I held regular services weekly, until the last of September when I was advanced to the Priesthood and accepted the Rectorship of the Churches in Bertie County. While at Kittrell's I baptized one child in private.

Baptisms—White infant,	1
Confirmations—White 1; colored 1,	2
Catechumens,	20
Communicants—White 33; colored 2,	35
Marriage—White, 3; colored 3,	6
Funerals—White,	1
Contributions—Diocesan missions,	\$ 3 73
Bishop's salary,	56 51
Education fund,	4 58
Contingent fund,	2 76
Collection at Bishop's Visitation,	\$12 15
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	\$79 73

Although I have had charge of the Parish but about six months, I have made an effort to raise the full amount for the assessment and have been obliged (owing to the poverty of many of the communicants) to appropriate the greater part of the monthly offering to that object.

Another Rectory has been purchased and partly furnished, and the lot repaired at a cost of about \$1,500. The Church building has also been thoroughly repaired, the spire completed and the aisles carpeted; in a word, everything has been done that our limited means could allow, all at a cost of about \$500, making nearly \$2,000 expended on Church and Rectory.

GRACE CHURCH, WOODVILLE, BERTIE COUNTY.

Baptisms—White adults 3; children 4,	7
Confirmations—White,	6
Catechumens—About	15

Communicants—Last year 14, added 1st Com. 6,	26
Marriages,	1
Contributions---Diocesan missions,	8 23 94
Permanent Ep. fund,	18 80
Education fund,	7 37
Relief fund,	8 00
Contingent fund,	5 25
Bishop's salary,	24 00
Collection at Bishop's visitation,	15 72
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	\$103 08

COLERAIN MISSION, BERTIE.

I hold occasional services here in the Odd Fellow's Hall. The attendance is good and the prospect for doing good encouraging.

Confirmations, 2

EDWARD WOOTEN.

Fund for the support of the Episcopate and Contingent Expenses, in account with Treasurer.

DISBURSEMENTS.		Cr.
1868.		
May 8.	To cash paid Rt. Rev. Thomas Atkinson, 1866 and '67,	\$ 500 00
	Ditto, Rev. R. B. Sutton, traveling expenses,	15 00
	Ditto Rev. E. Gue, ditto,	7 80
	Ditto Rev. H. G. Hilton, ditto,	7 25
	Ditto Rev. T. B. Haughton, ditto,	11 25
	Ditto Rev. G. W. Phelps ditto,	19 25
	Ditto Rev. Jarvis Buxton, ditto,	35 00
	Ditto For printing Journals 1867,	108 15
	Ditto Rt. Rev. Thos. Atkinson, 4th quarter, 1867 and 1868,	625 00
	Ditto Rev. T. W. Hilliard, traveling expenses,	3 00
	Ditto Rev. H. A. Skinner, ditto,	10 00
	Ditto Rev. G. B. Wetmore, ditto,	13 50
	Ditto Rev. M. H. Vaughan, ditto,	6 75
	Ditto Rev. R. W. Barbee, ditto,	13 30
	Ditto J. H. Tillinghast, ditto,	12 75
	Ditto W. R. Wetmore, ditto,	16 75
	Ditto Rev. W. E. Snowden, ditto,	6 00
	Ditto Rev. F. M. Hubbard, ditto,	12 00
	Ditto Rev. C. T. Bland, ditto,	15 00
	Ditto Rev. J. C. Huske, ditto,	10 50
	Ditto Rev. W. N. Tillinghast, ditto,	25 00
	Ditto Rev. R. T. Mason, ditto,	5 70
	Ditto Rev. L. Holmes, ditto,	11 70
	Ditto Rev. M. M. Marshall, ditto,	9 30
	Ditto Rev. Israel Harding, ditto,	11 50
July	Ditto Rev. J. C. Huske, traveling expenses to Wilmington,	10 95
Sept. 15.	Ditto Rt. Rev. Thos. Atkinson, 1st quarter, 1868 and '69,	625 00
Sept. 18.	Ditto For printing Journals 1868,	400 00
Sept. 20.	Ditto Rev. M. A. Curtis, trav. expenses University of South,	50 00
Nov.	Ditto Rev. F. M. Hubbard, traveling expenses to Gen. Con.,	60 00
Dec. 24.	Ditto Rt. Rev. Thos. Atkinson, 2d quarter, 1868 and '69,	625 00
	Ditto For freight on money voucher,	4 50
1869.		
Feb. 13.	Ditto Rt. Rev. Thos. Atkinson, on acc't 3d quar. 1868 and '69,	400 00
March 3.	Ditto General Convention assessment,	182 00
	Ditto Rt. Rev. Thos. Atkinson, bal. 3d quarter 1868 and '69,	225 00
	Ditto Rt. Rev. Thos. Atkinson, 1866 and '67,	93 00
	Ditto Insurance of Bishop's House,	50 00
	Ditto For Stamps, Postage and extra Freight,	13 25
	Ditto To balance to new account,	15 13
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RECEIPTS		Dr.
1868.		
May 1.	By balance on hand,	\$ 4 60
	By cash from St. Paul's, Louisburg,	113 87
May 3.	Ditto Grace Church, Morganton,	35 00
	Ditto St. Stephen's Goldsboro',	30 00
	Ditto St. Mary's School, Raleigh,	6 00
	Ditto St. James', Caldwell County,	30 00

RECEIPTS—*Continued.**Dr.*

1868.		
May 8.	By cash from St. John's, Pitt County.	24 00
	Ditto St. Stephen's, Goldsboro'.	30 00
	Ditto St. Paul's Edenton.	77 29
	Ditto St. John's, Rutherfordton.	2 00
	Ditto St. John's, Fayetteville.	86 00
	Ditto Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill.	53 50
	Ditto St. John's, Wilmington.	260 00
	Ditto St. Thomas', Windsor.	30 00
	Ditto Holy Trinity, Hertford.	24 00
	Ditto Christ Church, Raleigh.	225 00
	Ditto Christ Church, Newbern.	115 00
	Ditto St. Paul's, Beaufort.	64 00
	Ditto St. Peter's, Washington.	19 00
	Ditto St. Mary's and St. Peter's, Gates County.	19 00
	Ditto St. Luke's, Washington County.	17 00
	Ditto Grace Church, Plymouth.	42 00
	Ditto Calvary, Tarboro'.	70 00
	Ditto Calvary, Wadesboro'.	6 00
	Ditto Trinity, Scotland Neck.	70 00
	Ditto St. Matthews, Hillsboro'.	37 00
	Ditto Christ Church, Elizabeth City.	40 00
	Ditto Zion, Beaufort County.	12 00
	Ditto St. Timothy, Wilson.	30 00
	Ditto St. Stephen's, Oxford.	36 00
	Ditto Georgius' Chapel.	9 50
	Ditto Congregation, Statesville.	2 25
	Ditto St. Luke's, Lincolnton.	13 80
	Ditto St. Thomas, Bath.	6 00
	Ditto St. Bartholomew's, Pittsboro'.	25 00
	Ditto St. Mark's, Deep River.	5 90
	Ditto Miss Mitchell, Huntsville.	2 50
	Ditto Trinity, Beaufort County.	12 00
	Ditto St. Paul's, Greenville.	10 00
	Ditto St. Thomas, Bath.	2 00
	Ditto St. John's, Durham Creek.	6 00
	Ditto Zion Church.	2 20
	Ditto Hendersonville.	10 00
	Ditto Emanuel, Warrenton.	75 00
	Ditto Christ Church, Rowan.	4 00
	Ditto Huntsville.	4 20
	Ditto Mocksville.	2 00
	Ditto St. James, Wilmington.	270 84
Aug. 15.	Ditto Christ Church, Elizabeth City.	49 87
Sept. 6.	Ditto Christ Church, Newberne.	50 00
	Ditto Emanuel, Warrenton.	20 65
	Ditto St. Paul's, Clinton.	10 00
	Ditto St. John's, Fayetteville.	89 50
	Ditto St. Luke's, Lincolnton.	12 00
Nov. 14.	Ditto St. Luke's, Salisbury.	20 00
	Ditto St. Mary's School, Raleigh.	12 00
	Ditto Emanuel, Warrenton.	17 75
	Ditto St. Paul's, Beaufort.	5 00
	Ditto Calvary, Wadesboro'.	6 00
	Ditto Trinity, Asheville.	20 00
Dec. 28.	Ditto St. Thomas', Windsor.	20 00

RECEIPTS—*Continued.**Dr.*

1868.			
Dec. 28.	By cash from Grace, Woodville,	16	00
	Ditto Trinity, Asheville,	20	00
	Ditto St. Paul's, Edenton,	5	00
	Ditto Christ Church, Newberne,	50	00
1869.			
Jan. 29.	Ditto St. John's, Fayetteville,	89	50
	Ditto Emanuel, Warrenton,	27	12
	Ditto Interest, Permanent Fund,	559	60
Feb. 13.	Ditto St. James', Wilmington,	400	00
Feb. 18.	Ditto St. Thomas', Windsor,	28	51
Feb. 27.	Ditto St. Paul's, Edenton,	2	00
	Ditto St. Luke's, Lincolnton,	11	95
Mar. 11.	Ditto St. John's, Fayetteville,	89	50
	Ditto Christ's, Newberne,	50	00
	Ditto Christ's, Elizabeth City,	25	98
Mar. 15.	Ditto St. John's, Pitt County,	10	00
	Ditto St. Peter's, Charlotte,	30	00
Mar. 18.	Ditto St. Bartholomew's, Pittsboro',	25	00
	Ditto High Shoals,	2	00
Mar. 19.	Ditto St. James', Wilmington,	318	00
April 3.	Ditto Christ's, Elizabeth City,	29	10
	Ditto St. Paul's, Edenton,	10	00
April 15.	Ditto Trinity, Asheville,	25	00
April 28.	Ditto St. Mary's School, Raleigh,	12	00
	Ditto Grace Church, Woodville,	5	25
	Ditto Grace Church, Woodville,	18	80
	Ditto St. Thomas', Windsor,	6	75
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		\$ 4,265	28
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1869.			
May 1.	By amount to new account,	15	13

Education Fund in account with Treasurer.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Dr.

1868.			
May	16.	To cash paid Rev. E. Wooten	\$ 50 00
July	20.	Ditto Rev. J. A. Deal,	20 00
1869.			
Jan.	26.	Ditto Rt. Rev. Thos. Atkinson,	43 00
		To balance to new account,	49 18
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			\$ 162 18

RECEIPTS.

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1868.			
May	8.	By cash from Convent'n collect'n, Calvary Church, Tarboro',	\$ 141 75
Dec.	28.	Ditto St. Thomas', Windsor,	4 58
1869.			
Feb.		Ditto Grace Church, Woodville,	7 35
Mar.	18.	Ditto St. Bartholomew's, Pittsboro'	8 50
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			\$ 162 18
1869.			
May	1.	By balance to new account,	49 18

*Missionary Fund for Current Purposes, in account with
Treasurer.*

DISBURSEMENTS.		Cr.
1868.		
May 8.	To cash paid Rev. G. W. Phelps, (1867 and 1868,)	\$ 50
	Ditto Rev. F. M. Hubbard, ditto,	50
	Ditto Rev. W. E. Snowden,	50
	Ditto Rev. T. B. Haughton,	50
	Ditto Rev. C. T. Bland,	50
	Ditto Rev. A. A. Benton,	50
	Ditto Rev. E. Gue,	50
	Ditto Rev. R. B. Sutton,	50
	Ditto Rev. S. W. Kennerly,	50
	Ditto Rev. Israel Harding,	50
	Ditto Rev. S. S. Barber,	50
	Ditto Rt. Rev. Thos. Atkinson, for	
	Rev. P. D. Thompson,	\$50
	Rev. N. Falls,	50
	Rev. L. Holmes,	50
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	Ditto Rev. R. W. Barber, (1867 and 1868,)	100
	Ditto Rev. R. B. Sutton, (1868 and 1869,)	25
	Ditto Rev. G. W. Phelps,	25
	Ditto Rev. F. M. Hubbard,	25
	Ditto Rev. W. E. Snowden,	25
	Ditto Rev. A. A. Benton,	25
	Ditto Rev. T. B. Haughton,	25
	Ditto Rev. G. B. Wetmore,	25
	Ditto Rev. W. R. Wetmore,	25
	Ditto Rev. R. W. Barber,	25
	Ditto Rev. C. T. Bland,	25
	Ditto Rev. Jarvis Buxton,	25
	Ditto Rev. Israel Harding,	25
	Ditto Rev. S. W. Kennerly,	25
	Ditto Rev. L. Eborn,	25
	Ditto Rev. S. S. Barber,	25
	Ditto Rev. L. Holmes,	25
Oct. 16.	Ditto Rev. S. S. Barber,	25
Nov. 19.	Ditto Rev. G. B. Wetmore,	25
Dec. 8.	Ditto Rev. W. R. Wetmore,	25
1869.		
Feb. 5.	Ditto Rev. R. B. Sutton,	25
11.	Ditto Rev. A. A. Benton,	25
	Ditto Rev. G. W. Phelps,	25
	Ditto Rev. C. T. Bland,	25
	Ditto Rev. R. W. Barber,	25
	Ditto Rev. Jarvis Buxton,	25
	Ditto Rev. Luther Eborn,	25
	Ditto Rev. T. B. Haughton,	25
	Ditto Rev. Israel Harding,	25
	Ditto Rev. S. W. Kennerly,	25
	Ditto Rev. Lucian Holmes,	25
Mar 13.	Ditto Rev. P. D. Thompson,	25
	Ditto Rev. R. B. Sutton,	50
	Ditto Rev. W. R. Wetmore,	50

DISBURSEMENTS.—(*Continued.*)

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1869.		
March 16.	To cash paid Rev. G. B. Wetmore,	50
	Ditto Rev. C. T. Bland,	50
	Ditto Rev. Jarvis Buxton,	50
	Ditto Rev. A. A. Benton,	50
April 6.	Ditto Rev. F. M. Hubbard,	25
	Ditto Rev. W. E. Snowden,	25
	Ditto Rev. Luther Eborn,	50
	Ditto Rev. R. W. Barber,	50
	Ditto Rev. T. B. Haughton,	50
	Ditto Rev. G. W. Phelps,	50
	Ditto Rev. H. G. Hilton,	50
	Ditto Rev. W. S. Pettigrew,	25
April 30.	Ditto Rev. S. S. Barber,	50
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		\$ 2,250
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1869.		
May 1.	To balance from old account,	\$ 20 62

RECEIPTS.

Dr.

1868.		
May 1.	By balance from old account,	\$ 312 52
	By cash from St. Bartholomew's, Pittsboro',	50
	Ditto St. Stephen's, Oxford,	50
	Ditto Christ, Elizabeth City,	50
2.	Ditto Grace, Morganton,	15
	Ditto St. Mary's School, Raleigh,	44
7.	Ditto St. Stephen's, Goldsboro',	10
	Ditto St. Paul's, Edenton,	11 71
8.	Ditto St. Thomas', Windsor,	30
	Ditto Christ, Raleigh,	50
	Ditto Christ, Newbern,	70
	Ditto Trinity, Scotland Neck,	30
	Ditto Christ, Elizabeth City,	20 13
	Ditto Chapel of Cross, Chapel Hill,	25
	Ditto St. Luke's, Lincolnton,	5 50
	Ditto Church of Advent, Williamston,	4
	Ditto St. Bartholomew's, Pittsboro',	30
	Ditto St. James', Wilmington,	254 76
	Ditto Convention collection, Calvary Church, Tarboro',	101 36
	Ditto Collections by Bishop, during visitations,	316 26
	Ditto Emmanuel, Warrenton,	18
	Ditto Trinity, Beaufort County,	16 81
	Ditto St. Paul's, Gatesville,	22
	Ditto Bishop Ravenscroft's Works,	4
Sept. 10.	Ditto Emanuel, Warrenton,	24 90
	Ditto St. Stephen's, Oxford,	6 25
Nov. 14.	Ditto Christ, Rowan,	6 30
	Ditto St. Phillips', Mocksville,	55
	Ditto Huntsville,	3 95
	Ditto St. Mary's School, Raleigh,	60
	Ditto Grace, Woodville,	6 94
	Ditto Emanuel, Warrenton,	23 25

RECEIPTS—*Continued.**Dr.*

1868.			
Nov. 14.	By cash from St. Stephen's, Oxford,	\$	6 25
	Ditto Trinity, Asheville,		10
Dec. 28.	Ditto Calvary, Tarboro',		33
	Ditto Trinity, Scotland Neck,		34
	Ditto Christ, Elizabeth City,		18 68
	Ditto St. Luke's, Lincolnton,		5
1869.			
Jan. 28.	Ditto Emanuel, Warrenton,		20 72
	Ditto Grace, Woodville,		18
	Ditto St. Paul's, Edenton,		13
	Ditto St. Luke's, Lincolnton,		90
	Ditto St. James', Wilmington,		297 09
	Ditto St. Bartholomew's, Pittsboro',		16 50
	Ditto Rev. C. C. Adams, Manhattanville, N. Y.,		10
April 15.	Ditto Trinity, Asheville,		15
	Ditto St. Paul's, Edenton,		6 25
19.	Ditto St. James, Iredell,		1 80
30.	Ditto Bishop's Collections,		50
	By balance to new account,	\$	20 62
		\$	2,250

*Belief Fund for Disabled Clergy, Widows and Orphans,
in account with Treasurer.*

DISBURSEMENTS.		Cr.
1868.		
May 8.	To Rt. Rev. Thos. Atkinson,	\$ 155 00
Jan. 26.	“ “ “ “ “	127 90
	To balance to new account,	78 23
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		\$ 361 13
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RECEIPTS.		Dr.
1868.		
May 1.	By balance from old account,	\$ 155
	By cash from Christ Church, Elizabeth City,	20
	Ditto Emanuel Warrenton,	25
	Ditto St. Stephen's, Oxford,	20
8.	Ditto Grace, Morganton,	5
	Ditto St. Mary's School, Raleigh,	10
	Ditto St. Thomas', Windsor,	6
	Ditto Christ, Raleigh,	25
	Ditto Calvary, Tarboro',	20
	Ditto Trinity, Scotland Neck,	17
Nov.	Ditto St. Luke's, Lincolnton,	2
	Ditto Zion, Beaufort County,	5 50
	Ditto St. Luke's, Salisbury,	2
	Ditto Trinity, Beaufort County,	5
	Ditto St. Paul's, Greenville,	5
	Ditto St. John's, Durham's Creek,	1 80
	Ditto Christ, Rowan,	1 15
	Ditto St. Andrew's, Rowan,	2 85
	Ditto St. James', Iredell,	1 60
Nov. 14.	Ditto St. Andrew's, Rowan,	85
	Ditto St. James', Iredell,	2 15
April 19.	Ditto Christ, Rowan,	2 23
28.	Ditto St. Mary's School, Raleigh,	18
	Ditto Grace Church, Woodville,	8
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		\$ 361 13
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1869.		
May 1.	By balance to new account,	\$ 78 23

LIST OF PARISHES, AND ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

The names of Parishes entitled to representation are printed in Roman type. Names in *Italics* are Missionary Stations.

PARISHES.	LOCATION.	MINISTERS.	BAPTISMS.		CATECHUMENS.		CONFIRMATIONS.		COMMUNICANTS.		MARRIAGES.		FUNERALS.		CONTRIBUTIONS.
			INFANT.		White.	Colored.	White.	Colored.	White.	Colored.	White.	Colored.			
			White.	Colored.											
<i>Associate Mission,</i>	Asheville,	G. T. Wihner, D.D.,	1		1	40	90	11	44		1				\$ 340 02
Trinity,	Asheville,	J. Buxton,	1		3	83		3	10						
<i>Missionary Station</i>	Near Asheville,	"	20		5	26		33	53	3	2		5	3	133
St. Thomas',	Bath,	H. G. Hilton,	12	4	6	35		20	54	2			5		143 89
Zion,	Beaufort County,	L. Elborn,	13	3		30		22	22						40 46
St. James',	"	"	5		12	40	6	3	51	8			4	1	73 27
Trinity,	"	I. Harding,			2	60		8	48	2			4	4	72 47
St. Paul's,	Beaufort,	V. O. Gee,	3	3											
The Cross,	Chapel Hill,														
St. Peter's,	Charlotte,	B. S. Bronson,	6		1	16			45	3	2	1	2		293 50
St. Paul's,	Clinton,	G. W. Stickney,	11		3			2	34	2					431 39
St. Paul's,	Craven County,	I. Harding,	1					7	10				2		3 45
<i>St. Mark's,</i>	Deep River,	R. B. Sutton,			1			2							9 77
St. John's,	Durham's Creek,	I. Harding,	3					3	12		1		1		2 70
St. Paul's,	Edenton,	F. W. Hilliard,	6	3	1	60	15	9	100	20	5		10	1	161 20
Christ Church,	Elizabeth City,	J. W. Murphy,	11		2	60		9	88	10	3	1	7	1	382 36
St. John's,	Fayetteville,	J. C. Huske,	45		4	120	100	16	163	24	10	5	16	3	644 85
St. Mary's,	Gatesville,	G. W. Phelps,	12	1	1	40	6	3	34	1	3		1		30 75
<i>St. Peter's,</i>	Gates County,	"													

LIST OF PARISHES, AND ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.—(Continued.)

PARISHES.	LOCATION.	MINISTERS.	BAPTISMS.				CATECHUMENS.		CONFIRMATIONS.		COMMENTANTS.		MARRIAGES.		FUNERALS.		CONTRIBUTIONS.
			INFANT.		ADULT.		White,	Colored,	White,	Colored,	White,	Colored,	White,	Colored,			
			White,	Colored,	White,	Colored,											
St. Stephen's, Smithfield, Kenans St. Paul's, St. Mark's, Miss Mary Station, Holy Innocents, Calvary, Holy Trinity, St. Matthew's, St. John's, St. George's, Miss Mary Station, " " St. James', The Saviour, St. Mary's, St. James', Epiphany, St. James', Redemption, St. Luke's,	Goldsboro, " " Greenville, Halifax, Haywood, Henderson, Henderson County, Hertford, Hillsboro', High Shoals, Gaston Hyde County, " " Huntsville, Iredell County, Jackson, Kinston, Kittrell's Springs, Leaksville, Lenoir, Lexington, Lincolnton.	G. W. Stickney, " " F. Harding, R. B. Sutton, " " F. W. Billiard, M. A. Curtis, D. D., F. J. Murdock, S. S. Barber, Barber & Elborn, G. B. Wetmore, " " H. A. Skinner, " " Jno. R. Lee, (of Va.) J. A. Oertel, " " W. R. Wetmore,	20 7 22 " " " " 4 1 17 1 1 2 8 22 1														

St. Paul's,	Louisburg,	P. D. Thompson,	1	1	23	1	1	1	53	55
St. Philip's,	Mocksville,	G. B. Wetmore,			7					55
Grace Church,	Morganton,	Neilson Falls,	9	1	50	1				
Christ Church,	Newbern,	E. M. Forbes,	29	13	130	21	6	7	2,588	
"	"	H. A. Skinner, Ass.	1	21				1	2	1
Memorial Chapel,	"	W. B. Gordon, "	25	3	50			21		
St. Mary's,	Orange County,	M. A. Curtis, D. D.,	6							7
St. Stephen's,	Oxford,	M. H. Vaughan,	4		60	100		7	4	4
St. John's,	Pitt County,	S. W. Kennerly,	5	4				71		246
St. Bartholomew's,	Pittsboro',	R. B. Sutton,	11	1				45	1	7
Grace Church,	Plymouth,	T. B. Haughton,	12	1	20			53	3	331
Christ Church,	Raleigh,	R. S. Mason, D. D.,	13	4	120			29	2	28
St. Mary's School,	"	A. Sneddes, D. D.,						155	8	11
St. Augustine,	"	J. B. Smith, D. D.,						10		532
Christ Church,	Rowan County,	G. B. Wetmore,	8	1	30					23
St. Andrew's,	"	"	6		18			60	3	179
St. John's,	Rutherfordton,	"						29	1	80
St. Luke's,	Salisbury,	J. H. Tillinghast,	8	1	35			33	21	15
Trinity,	Scotland Neck,	J. B. Cheshire, D. D.,	10	1	20			74	12	19
St. David's,	Scuppernon,	W. S. Pettigrew,	11	21	25			42	21	75
St. Philip's,	Smithville,	"								853
St. Barnabas,	Snow Hill,	S. W. Kennerly,	1	21				18		96
Mission,	South Creek,	I. Harding,						5		156
Calvary,	Tarboro',	J. B. Cheshire,	18	13	75			61	10	18
Emmanuel,	Wadesboro',	C. T. Bland,	8	4	10			21	5	40
St. Peter's,	Warrenton,	M. M. Marshall,	12	7	50			78	6	219
St. Luke's,	Washington,	N. C. Hughes,	19	5				62	4	62
Advent,	Washington County,	T. B. Haughton,	3	21	30			15	8	70
St. Paul's,	Williamston,	"	11	1				25	2	92
St. Paul's,	Wilkesboro',	"								31
Mission Stations,	Wilkes & Fredell Co.,	R. W. Barber,	1	21	12			33	1	45
St. John's,	Williamsboro',	M. H. Vaughan,								
St. James,	Wilmington,	A. A. Watson, D. D.,	46	10	200			369	4	4,997
St. John's,	"	R. E. Terry,	12	6	80			167	9	28
St. Paul's,	"	A. A. Watson, D. D.,	18	18				48	11	196
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LIST OF PARISHES, AND ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS,—(CONTINUED.)

PARISHES.	LOCATION.	MINISTERS.	BAPTISMS.									
			INFANTS, ADULT.		CATECHUMENS.		CONFIRMATIONS.		COMMUNICANTS.		MARRIAGES.	
			White.	Colored.	White.	Colored.	White.	Colored.	White.	Colored.	White.	Colored.
St. Timothy's,	Wilson,	A. A. Benton,	6	6	41		32	46	33	33	33	33
St. Thomas,	Windsor,	E. Wooden,	1	1	20		1	33	33	33	33	33
Grace,	Woodville, Bertie,	"	4	3	15		20	30	12	1	1	1
St. James',	Waynesville,	Woodville,										
St. Barnabas',	Woodville, Perq. Co.,	J. W. Murphy,	18	3			32	10				
	Various places,	Rep. by Bishop,										
		Total,	548	101	139	34	452	433	63	2977	192	111
											53	185
											41	8
											19	85
											10	63
											22	79
											33	80
											27	33

STANDING COMMITTEE FOR 1869-70.

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 The Fifty-Fourth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of North Carolina will meet in ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, EDENTON, on the first Thursday in May, 1870.

CONSTITUTION AND CANONS,

TOGETHER WITH THE RULES OF ORDER,

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN NORTH CAROLINA.

REVISED AND ADOPTED MAY 1866.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

The Church in this Diocese accedes to and adopts the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, as set forth in General Convention thereof, and acknowledges its authority accordingly.

ARTICLE II.

Section 1. There shall be an Annual Convention of the Church in this Diocese, at such time and place as may be determined by the next preceding Convention, or, in the event of no such determination, on the last Wednesday in May, at such place as may be agreed upon by the Bishop and Standing Committee.

Sec. 2. But the time or place of such meeting may be changed, or special Convention called, by the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, subject nevertheless to such canonical provisions as may hereafter be made.

Sec. 3. Provided that no special Convention shall be called without at least sixty days' notice, which notice shall be published for at least one month in three different newspapers of the State, and shall specify the business and purpose for which said special Convention is to be called, and upon that alone it shall act.

ARTICLE III.

• Sec. 1. The Convention shall be composed of the two orders, Clerical and Lay.

Sec. 2. The Bishop of the Diocese, or, in his absence, the Assistant Bishop, if there be one, or the Bishop in charge, as representing the Episcopal authority, shall, if present, preside at all meetings of the Convention.

Sec. 3. Every Clergyman of the Church, having been for twelve calendar months before any meeting of the Convention canonically connected with the Diocese, either as a Clergyman or as a Candidate for Orders, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the same.

Sec. 4. Each regularly organized Parish in union with the Convention shall be entitled to be represented at its sessions by one or more delegates, not exceeding four, to be chosen by the Vestry from among the baptized persons of good moral standing in said Parish. And each Vestry shall be entitled to elect in addition four *alternate* delegates, subject to the same qualifications, who shall be authorized, in the order of their election, to fill any vacancy that may occur in the delegation originally chosen. Provided, that no person, clerical or lay, under ecclesiastical censure, publicly declared by a competent tribunal, shall be admissible to a seat in the Convention.

Sec. 5. If any Parish shall neglect or decline to appoint delegates, or if any of those appointed shall neglect or be prevented from attending, such Parish shall nevertheless be bound by the acts of the Convention.

ARTICLE IV.

Sec. 1. The Convention shall be the sole judge of the election of its own members. It shall have power to adopt rules of order for its own government, elect officers and raise funds, and shall also have such other legislative powers as may be necessary and proper for the well-being of the Diocese.

Sec. 2. The Convention shall have no power to pass any Canon infringing the Episcopal authority, or affecting the spiritual condition of the Diocese, against the express dissent of the Bishop: Provided, that said dissent shall be expressed at that or the ensuing Annual Convention.

Sec. 3. But this shall not prevent the Convention from offering, independently of the Bishop, resolutions of advice or inquiry, or from any proceedings necessary for the purposes of impeachment.

ARTICLE V.

To constitute a quorum for the purpose of ordinary business, the presence of one-third of all the Parochial Clergy, and of delegates from one-third of all the Parishes entitled to representation as appearing on the Journal of the preceding year, shall be necessary. Any less number, however, shall be competent to receive reports and to adjourn.

ARTICLE VI.

Sec. 1. Upon any question before the Convention, when it may be required by any one clerical member, or by the delegation present of any one Parish, the two orders shall vote separately. And in all cases of a vote by orders, each clerical member shall be entitled to one vote, and each delegation shall also be entitled to one vote, and a concurrence of majorities of both orders shall be necessary to a decision. When no such division is called for, each member of the Convention shall be entitled to one vote.

Sec. 2. All elections shall be by ballot, unless otherwise unanimously ordered.

ARTICLE VII.

Sec. 1. The Convention shall annually elect a President, (who shall be a Presbyter of the Diocese,) a Secretary and a Treasurer.

Sec. 2. Should there at any time be no such election, then the officers *last* before elected shall hold over till such election shall be had.

Sec. 3. Should the office of Secretary or that of Treasurer become vacant, by death or otherwise, at any time preceding the annual election, the Ecclesiastical Authority shall be empowered to appoint some person to fill the vacancy till such time as an election shall be had, who shall be competent to all the powers and duties of the office as if regularly elected thereto.

ARTICLE VIII.

Sec. 1. A Standing Committee or Council of Advice to the Bishop, of not less than five persons, shall be annually elected by the Convention. A majority of said Committee shall at all times be Clergymen of the Diocese, and no Layman not a communicant shall be a member thereof.

Sec. 2. The Committee shall have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in their own body between the Annual Meetings of the Convention.

Sec. 3. When there is no Bishop, the Standing Committee shall be the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, and, as such, may invite the temporary services of other Bishops, and, for due cause, may change the time or place of the Annual Meetings of the Convention. They may also summon special Conventions when there is no Bishop, and shall do so upon the call of one-third of the Clergy of the Diocese, or of one-third of the Parishes in union with the Convention, as appearing upon the lists of the Journal last before published. And although there be a Bishop, the Standing Committee shall have power to call special Conventions for the purpose of proceedings relative to his impeachment, and shall do so upon a similar requisition by the Clergy or Laity.

ARTICLE IX.

Sec. 1. Any ten or more Adults may organize themselves into a Parish and be received into union with the Convention, by taking such steps as may be provided for by Canon.

Sec. 2. Provided that it shall always be competent to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, with the consent of the Rector of any Parish, to establish within the limits of said Parish, independent Missionary congregations, whose pastors shall be independent of the Rector and responsible only to the Ecclesiastical Authority aforesaid.

Sec. 3. In all Parochial elections none shall be entitled to vote but males of the age of twenty-one years, members of the Parish, who shall have subscribed a declaration in the following words, viz:

We, the undersigned, do hereby consent to be governed by the Constitution and Canons of the Church, as set forth in General Convention, and by the Constitution and Canons of the Church in this Diocese. [See Canon xiv.] Provided, that this section shall not be taken to infringe upon the existing customs of any already organized Parish.

Sec. 4. Any Parish ceasing to elect Delegates to the Convention for two successive years, or any Parish resisting the authority of the Convention, may be suspended from the right of representation, or its connection with the Convention dissolved by a vote of not less than two-thirds of each order entitled to seats. But such suspension or dissolution shall never take place without previous in-

quiry by a Committee appointed for the purpose, and a report upon the facts of the case.

ARTICLE X.

Sec. 1. Any Presbyterian regularly called to the charge of a Parish and entering thereupon, shall, during the time of such charge, be held to be the Rector of said Parish.

Sec. 2. The Rector is recognized as having, by virtue of his office, the exclusive regulation, under his canonical superiors, of all the spiritual concerns of the Parishes being entitled at all times to have access to the Church building, and to use the same for the service or instruction of this Church, as he may deem proper to call meetings of the Vestry or congregation; when present, to preside in the same, and, in case of a tie, to give the casting vote.

ARTICLE XI.

The Convention shall pass Canons for the trial of Clergymen.

ARTICLE XII.

Sec. 1. When a Bishop is to be elected, the Convention shall always vote in distinct orders, and on this wise: The Clergy, by a majority of all in the Diocese entitled to seats in the Convention, shall nominate, by ballot, a Presbyterian for the office; and the concurrence, by ballot, of a majority of all the Parishes in union with the Convention, shall complete the election.

Sec. 2. In the election of a Bishop, or upon any question touching the same, no Clergyman who shall have become canonically connected with the Diocese during the vacancy in the Episcopate, and no Parish which shall have been received into union with the Convention during such vacancy, shall be permitted to vote.

ARTICLE XIII.

No new Canon shall be passed, nor shall any existing Canon be amended, upon the day upon which said new Canon or amendment may be proposed, without unanimous consent. Nor, without a similar consent, shall the question upon such Canon or amendment be finally put without previous reference to a Committee.

ARTICLE XIV.

Sec. 1. This Constitution shall not be altered or amended without,

FIRST: A concurrent vote of a majority of both orders present at one Annual Convention proposing said alteration.

SECOND: The adoption of the proposed alteration or amendment, at the next ensuing Annual Convention, by a majority of all the Clergy and of all the Parishes entitled to seats in said Convention.

Sec. 2. Provided, that the consideration of the proposed amendment may always be postponed to the next Annual Convention, by a vote of two-thirds of both orders present.

ARTICLE XV.

This Constitution shall go into effect from and after the adjournment of this Convention.

CANONS.

CANON I.—CHANGE OF TIME OR PLACE OF MEETING OF CONVENTION.

Whenever the prevalence of an epidemic, or contagious disease, or other sufficient cause, shall render it necessary, the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese may change the place and time of meeting of the Diocesan Convention.

CANON II.—LIST OF MEMBERS OF CONVENTION.

Section 1.—CLERGY.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary, before the opening of the Annual Convention, to apply to the Ecclesiastical Authority for a correct list of the Clergy entitled to seats. Such list shall be *prima facie* evidence of said title, and from it the Secretary shall prepare the Roll for the purpose of organization.

Sec. 2.—LAITY.—The Secretaries of the several Parish Vestries electing Lay Delegates to the Convention, shall furnish three certificates of said election, whereof one shall be handed to the Delegates elect, one shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Convention, and one to the Minister of the Parish where the Convention is to be held—the latter two to be mailed at least two weeks before the time appointed for the opening of the session. From these certificates the Secretary shall prepare a list of Lay Delegates, to be called at the opening of the Convention; nor shall he insert any name upon the roll without the evidence of one of said certificates, unless specially directed to do so by the Convention. Defective or doubtful certificates shall be laid aside to be acted upon after the Convention shall have organized.

CANON III.—SERVICES.

At the opening of the Convention, Divine Service shall be celebrated and the Holy Communion administered; and a Sermon shall be preached by some Clergyman appointed for the purpose by the Ecclesiastical Authority.

CANON IV.—RULES OF ORDER.

The Convention shall adopt Rules of Order, which shall continue in force till altered.

CANON V.—PRESIDENT.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Convention, in the absence of a Bishop competent to do so, according to the provisions of the Constitution.

CANON VI.—SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall issue the prescribed notices of the annual meetings of the Convention, and in case of special meetings of the same, or of a change in the time or place of the regular meeting, shall, under the direction of the Ecclesiastical Authority, issue notices thereof. He shall prepare the canonical lists of the Clergy and Lay Delegates entitled to seats therein. In the absence of both Bishop and President, he shall call the Convention to order for the purpose of

organization. He shall keep a record of its proceedings under its direction; shall prepare and issue its journals; and shall preserve, and have ready for reference, all papers belonging to the same, not specially given into other hands.

CANON VII.—TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds or moneys belonging to the Diocese; shall, under the direction of the Convention, receive, invest and disburse the same, and shall keep and return an account thereof to each annual meeting.

CANON VIII.—COMMITTEES.

Sec. 1. In addition to the Standing Committee of the Diocese, as provided for by the Constitution, the following permanent Committees shall be annually elected, who shall remain in office till the appointment of their successors, viz: An Executive Missionary Committee, to consist of five; an Education Committee, to consist of three; and a Church Building Committee, to consist of five, besides the Bishop, who shall be *ex officio* member and Chairman of said Committees.

Sec. 2.—STANDING COMMITTEE.—The Standing Committee shall elect a President and Secretary from their own body. They shall assemble upon the call of their President, whenever he may deem it necessary. He shall also summon them whenever required to do so by the Bishop, or by any three members of the Committee. In the event of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the President shall call a meeting within thirty days after knowledge of the fact. The Standing Committee shall hold meetings for the transaction of business at each Convention, and shall report to the annual meetings of the Convention the transactions of the preceding year. A record of all their official acts shall be kept by their Secretary, which shall always be open to the inspection of the Bishop, and of the Convention.

Sec. 3.—EXECUTIVE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.—The Executive Missionary Committee shall have in charge the Missionary funds of the Diocese, for which they shall be empowered to draw upon its Treasurer, the order of their Chairman being the Treasurer's warrant. They shall receive applications for aid; they shall report annually to the Convention their transactions during the previous year, and the condition of the Missionary field, and shall make such recommendations for the future as may seem to them good. Under the direction of the Bishop, if there be one, they shall select the Missionaries or Missionary Stations to be aided, and in the absence of specific directions by the Convention, shall make such appropriations to the same as may seem to them suitable.

Sec. 4.—EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—The Education Committee shall have charge of the Education fund of the Diocese, with power, in the absence of express provisions to the contrary, to invest or appropriate the same as may seem to them best. They shall be empowered to draw upon the Treasurer of the Diocese for all such funds in his hands, and the order of their Chairman shall be his warrant. They shall receive, consider, and act upon, all applications for aid in behalf of young men desirous to enter the Ministry of the Church. They are hereby directed to seek out such cases, and if need be, bring them to the notice of the Church, in any way that may seem best. They shall report annually to the Convention their transactions of the preceding year, and the condition of the Fund under their control, and shall make such recommendations for the future as may seem to them good.

Sec. 5.—CHURCH BUILDING COMMITTEE.—The Church Building Committee shall have charge of all funds contributed in the Diocese for the purpose of aiding feeble congregations, within the Diocese, in building or repairing Churches, with power to invest or appropriate the same, as may seem to them best: Provided, that there shall be no appropriation of the funds of this Committee towards any building not secured to the sole use of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of North Carolina. The Committee shall be empowered to draw upon the Treasurer of the Diocese for such funds as he may have received for Church Building, and the order of their Chairman shall be his warrant. They shall report annually to the Convention their transactions of the preceding year, and the condition of the fund under their control; and shall make such recommendations for the future as may seem to them good.

CANON IX.—RELIEF FUND.

The contributions to the Relief Fund shall be distributed under the direction of the Bishop.

CANON X.—COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

It shall be the duty of the Committee on the State of the Church, from such materials as may be placed before them, to report to the Convention, at some time during its session, the condition of the Diocese, with such particular statements, or such recommendations, as may seem to them desirable.

CANON XI.—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance shall audit the Treasurer's accounts. They shall have power to report a scale of assessments, for the purpose of raising funds required for Diocesan purposes; they may receive applications for the alteration of the said scale, and shall report thereon to Convention. They shall report to each Convention the general condition of the several funds of the Diocese, with such deficits in the assessments as may be discoverable. They may make such recommendations as may seem to them desirable, and shall act upon all other matters relative to Diocesan property committed to them by the Convention.

CANON XII.—DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

At each Annual Convention there may, and at each Annual Convention immediately preceding the triennial session of the General Convention there shall, be elected three Clerical and three Lay Deputies to the said General Convention, who shall be, in accordance with Art. III of the Constitution of the General Convention, "Communicants in this Church and residents in the Diocese." There may also be appointed three Alternate Clerical and three Alternate Lay Deputies, subject to the same provisions as the original Deputies above-mentioned. The said Alternate Deputies shall succeed to vacancies in the original deputation—the Clergy in the order of *official* and the Laymen in that of *personal* seniority. And in this order the Secretary shall insert their names upon the journal. Deputies elect to the General Convention, finding themselves unable to attend, shall, four weeks at least before the time of meeting, give notice to the first Alternate of the same order. Should said Alternate be unable to attend, he shall give immediate notice to the next upon the list of the same order with himself. Should either of said Alternates receive two or more such notices, he shall, ac-

according to the circumstances, transmit said notices to one or more of the Alternates who follow him, and in the order in which they stand.

CANON XIII.—TRUSTEES OF THE DIOCESE.

The Bishop, or when there is no Bishop, the President of the Standing Committee, shall *ex officio*, with two Laymen to be elected by the Convention, constitute a Board of Trustees for the Church in this Diocese, and shall be authorized to hold the property of the Diocese not otherwise provided for.

CANON XIV.—ORGANIZATION OF PARISHES.

In order to the organization of a new Parish, and its union with the Convention, it shall be necessary,

FIRST. To obtain the written consent of the Ecclesiastical Authority.

SECOND. If within the limits of some already existing Parish, to obtain and present to the Convention the written consent of the Rector of the Parish. Provided, that if the consent of the Minister aforesaid is denied or withheld, application may be made to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese for the establishment of such new Parish, of which application one month's previous notice shall be given to the Minister whose consent is so denied or withheld. The decision of the Ecclesiastical Authority, if in favor of the application, shall be final; but if otherwise, the case shall be reported to the Convention of the Diocese, with the reasons for withholding an assent, for the final action of that body.

THIRD. To assume a name and elect a Vestry.

FOURTH. To subscribe and present to the Convention a certificate in the following words, viz: "We, the undersigned, being adults desirous to form ourselves into a Parish of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of North Carolina, do certify that we consent to be governed by the Constitution and Canons of the Church, as set forth in the General Convention, and by the Constitution and Canons of the Church in this Diocese: that we have assumed the name of —, and have elected the following persons Vestrymen: ——. In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names, this — day of —, in the year of our Lord —." For the purpose of recording said subscription, as also for the purpose of receiving the subscriptions of subsequent voters, provided for by Art. X, Sec. 4, of the Constitution, a book shall be kept in the Vestry of each Church, and shall be present at the Parochial Elections.

CANON XV.—PAROCHIAL ELECTIONS.

Sec. 1.—VESTRY.—Upon Easter Monday, unless some other day has been specified by the Vestry, each Parish shall annually elect a Vestry of not less than three, nor more than twelve persons. But in the event, at any time, of an omission to elect, the Vestry last chosen shall hold over till another election shall be held.

Sec. 2.—WARDENS.—Each Vestry shall annually elect a Senior and a Junior Warden, from among their own number; the former upon nomination by the Rector. If there be no Rector, the election shall proceed without said nomination.

Sec. 3.—DUTIES OF WARDENS.—In the absence of the Rector, the Wardens shall preside in all meetings of the Vestry or congregation, in the order of their official seniority. As representatives of the Vestry, they shall (subject to its di-

rections and in consistency with the rights of the Pastor.) have charge of the Church building, and shall see that it be kept from all secular uses, and from all uses inconsistent with the doctrines or discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church; and, so far as possible, in good repair, as becometh the House of God. They shall see that it be prepared for public worship, and that order be preserved during the same; that suitable books be provided for the service, robes for the Vestry, and, when necessary, the elements for the Holy Communion.

Sec. 4.—TREASURER.—In the absence of any other appointment, the Junior Warden shall act as Treasurer of the Parish.

Sec. 5.—VESTRY MEETINGS IN CERTAIN CASES.—Should the Rector refuse to call a meeting of the Vestry, when, in the opinion of the Wardens or of a majority of the Vestry, such a meeting would be of importance, it shall be competent to the Wardens, or to any three of the Vestry, to call one. Provided that the Rector shall have due notice of the same.

CANON XVI.—CALL OF A PASTOR.

When there is no Rector, the Wardens and Vestry shall have power to call a minister and to enter into all needful stipulations for his support. But if he prefer to rely upon the voluntary contributions of the people, he shall be entitled to do so; and in such case the Vestry shall not have power to tax the sittings for that purpose without his consent. The Rector shall not have power to appoint a *permanent* Assistant without the consent of the Vestry.

CANON XVII.—LEGAL POWERS OF THE VESTRY.

The Vestry shall be the Trustees of the Parish; shall have charge of all the secular concerns thereof; shall hold the property belonging thereto, and shall be authorized to collect, invest or disburse its funds.

CANON XVIII.—DISSOLUTION OF PARISHES.

In case of the dissolution of a Parish, the property belonging to the same shall vest in the Trustees of the Diocese, in trust for the interests of the Church in the said late Parish, and shall, upon the *bona fide* re-organization of said Parish, be re-conveyed to the same.

CANON XIX.—REGISTRATION, REPORTS, &c.

Sec. 1.—PRIVATE AND PARISH REGISTERS.—It is hereby ordered that each Clergyman of this Church shall keep a register of all the baptisms, marriages, confirmations and funerals solemnized by him, as well as of all the baptisms, marriages, confirmations and funerals within his Parish or cure, specifying the names of the persons in each instance; the ages and parentage of those baptized, with the names of their sponsors or witnesses, and the time when each rite is performed, which register shall be transcribed at least once in each month into a book to be kept for the purpose by the Vestry of the Parish.

Sec. 2.—LISTS OF COMMUNICANTS, &c.—It shall also be the duty of each Clergyman to keep a list of the Communicants within his cure, and, so far as practicable, of all the families and adult persons within the same, to remain for the use of his successor.

Sec. 3.—PAROCHIAL REPORTS.—It shall be the duty of each Clergyman to report to the Bishop of the Diocese, on or before the first day of each Annual

Convention, the number of the baptisms, confirmations, marriages and deaths among the people of his charge since the preceding Convention. Also, all such official acts as he may have performed during the same period, whether within or without his cure, specifying in the latter case the place where performed. He shall also report, so far as practicable, the number of communicants within his cure, with the numbers of children receiving religious instruction in Sunday Schools, or Parochial Schools; also the amounts of contributions for Church purposes, as well as such other matters as may throw light upon the state of the Parish.

Sec. 4.—READING OF SAID REPORTS.—The said reports, or such parts of the same as the Bishop may deem fit, may be read in the Diocesan Convention, and shall be entered upon the journals thereof.

Sec. 5.—IF THERE BE NO PASTOR.—In the case of a Parish without a Pastor, it shall be the duty of the Vestry to make the Parochial Report required by this Canon.

Sec. 6.—COMMUNICANTS TO BE REPORTED.—In making the above Reports, all Communicants not suspended by action of a regular tribunal, or with their own consent, shall be included.

CANON XX.—SALARIES, COMPENSATIONS, &c.

Sec. 1.—OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION, &c.—The Secretary, the Treasurer, the Clerical members of the Diocesan Convention, and the members of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, in actual attendance upon the duly called meetings of the bodies to which they severally belong, shall be entitled to have their necessary expenses, incurred by such attendance, paid out of the funds of the Diocese; and the Treasurer of the Diocese is hereby directed to pay the same upon the personal application (by letter or otherwise) of said parties, accompanied by a certificate of the amount actually and necessarily expended in each instance.

Sec. 2.—CLERICAL DEPUTIES.—Each Clerical Deputy to the General Convention, actually attending the same, shall be entitled to have his necessary expenses, incurred by such attendance, paid out of the funds of the Diocese. And the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay the same upon his application.

CANON XXI.—DIOCESAN ASSESSMENTS.

Sec. 1.—SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS.—In order to meet the regular expenses of the Diocese, and its Missionary and other wants, there shall be, from time to time, a scale of assessments adopted, by the authority of the Convention, to be printed with the Journals, whereby the amounts needed shall be assessed upon the several Parishes, as nearly as may be in proportion to their pecuniary ability.

Sec. 2.—CHANGE OF SCALE.—Should any Parish or congregation deem its assessment out of proportion to its means, said Parish or congregation may, by its Pastor or Lay delegates, appear before the Committee of Finance and urge its objections; and it shall be the duty of the Committee of Finance to hear all such applications, and report them, with their judgment upon the same, to the Convention.

Sec. 3.—OBJECTS OF ASSESSMENT.—The above-mentioned assessments shall be for the expenses of the Diocese, the salary of the Bishop, the Diocesan Missionary fund, and the fund for the relief of widows and orphans of Clergyman.

CANON XXII.—EDUCATION FUND.

There shall also be made, in every Parish of the Diocese, at least once in each year, a collection in behalf of the Diocesan Education fund.

CANON XXIII.—PERMANENT EPISCOPAL FUND.

Sec. 1. There shall be established, to aid in the support of the Bishop, a fund to be called the Permanent Episcopal Fund, to include all sums hitherto contributed specifically to that object, or which may hereafter be contributed, whereof the principal shall remain untouched, and only the interest be applied to the support of the Episcopate.

And the Treasurer is hereby directed to add to the same, from time to time, all the surplus remaining from the amounts received by assessment or otherwise, for the support of the Episcopate and the contingent expenses of the Diocese, after payment of said Bishop's salary and contingent expenses.

Sec. 2. INVESTMENT OF THE SAME.—The Treasurer is furthermore directed to invest all said contributions to the Permanent Episcopal Fund, as well as all the additions last above-mentioned, in North Carolina State Stock, or upon some other good security within the State, as may seem to him most advantageous.

CANON XXIV.—PERMANENT MISSIONARY FUND.

Sec. 1. All sums derived for Missionary purposes, from any source other than that of the regular Missionary assessment, shall, if consistent with the will of the donors, be invested as a Permanent Missionary Fund, whereof the principal shall remain untouched, and only the interest be applied to current Missionary expenses.

Any surplus which may remain from the amounts received for current Missionary expenses, whether by interest upon the permanent fund aforesaid, by assessment, or otherwise, after payment of such current Missionary expenses, shall be added to the permanent fund aforesaid.

Sec. 2.—INVESTMENT OF THE SAME.—The Treasurer of the Diocese is directed to invest such permanent fund, together with such additions as it may, from time to time, receive as aforesaid, in North Carolina State Stock, or upon some other good security within the State, as may seem to him most advantageous.

CANON XXV.—UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS.

Should there remain in the Treasury any other funds not specifically appropriated, the Treasurer is hereby directed to invest the same in North Carolina State Stock, or upon some other good security within the State, as may seem to him most advantageous.

CANON XXVI.—CLERGY LIABLE TO MISSIONARY DUTY.

All Clergymen receiving aid from the Missionary funds of the Diocese, shall be liable to perform regular Missionary duty, the sphere of which shall be fixed by the Bishop and the amount by the Bishop and Missionary Committee.

CANON XXVII.—TRIAL OF CLERGYMEN.

Sec. 1.—THE PRESENTMENT.—Any Clergyman shall be liable to presentment and trial, for false doctrine, immorality, disorderly conduct, violation of the rubrics, of the Constitution or Canons of the Church in the United States, or of the Constitution or Canons of the Church in this Diocese.

Such presentment to be made by the Vestry of the Parish in which said Clergyman has charge, or in which he resides, or by at least three male Communicants of the Diocese of full age, or by two or more Presbyters, who shall have been canonically resident therein for one year.

But no presentment shall be made in any case of any offence alleged to have been committed more than three years before the date of the presentment. Provided, that if the accused be convicted of the alleged offence in a civil Court, presentment may still be made within one year after said conviction.

Said presentment shall be made to the Bishop, in *writing*, with the names of the presenters subscribed, and shall distinctly declare, with all reasonable specification of time and circumstances, the nature of the offence or offences with which the said Clergyman may be charged.

Sec. 2.—PUBLIC RUMOR.—But although no such presentment be made, if *public rumor* charge any Clergyman with the commission of any of the offences above enumerated, the Bishop shall appoint two or more Presbyters to investigate the truth of such rumor, and if such investigation prove adverse to the Clergyman so charged, the said Presbyters shall make the presentment as above, according to the form and regulations there provided.

The presenters shall, in all cases, assume the responsibility of conducting the prosecution.

Sec. 3.—SERVICE OF PRESENTMENT—CONSTITUTION OF COURT.—Should the Bishop be of opinion, from the nature of the charge or charges made, that the presentment contains sufficient grounds for proceeding to trial, he shall cause a copy thereof to be forthwith sent to the accused. He shall then give notice to the Standing Committee, who thereupon shall select *seven* Presbyters, actually and canonically resident in the Diocese, from whom the President of the Standing Committee shall, in writing, call upon the accused to elect *three*. But in case the accused refuse or neglect to make such election within ten days after due notice as aforesaid, the Standing Committee shall make the said election.

The three Presbyters so elected shall constitute a Court for the trial of the accused; and shall have all powers necessary for the due conducting of the said trial.

Sec. 4.—LAY ASSESSOR.—The Bishop shall appoint a member of the legal profession, who shall also be a Communicant of the Church, as *Assessor* to the Court, to advise the Court, *if requested*, upon all *questions of law* which may arise during the trial.

Sec. 5.—TIME AND PLACE OF TRIAL, AND NOTICE THEREOF.—The Bishop shall appoint a time and place of trial, and shall give at least thirty days' notice of the same to the members of the *Court*, the *Assessor*, the *Presenters*, and the *Accused*; at which time and place the *Witnesses* also shall be notified to attend.

Sec. 6.—ASSEMBLING OF COURT AND RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS.—The Court shall assemble at the time and place appointed, and shall proceed to examine fully the charges; and shall keep an accurate *record* of all their proceedings and of the evidence.

Sec. 7.—NATURE OF EVIDENCE AND HOW GIVEN.—No charge shall be considered as established, unless proved by *two witnesses*, or by one witness and *corroborating circumstances*.

Testimony may be given orally before the Court, or in writing, upon interrogatories and cross-interrogatories, to be previously filed with the Secretary or Registrar of the Court. Any one or more of the witnesses may be examined on oath or affirmation, on the requisition of either party.

Sec. 8.—DECISION OF THE COURT AND THE SENTENCE.—A *unanimous* vote of the Court, on one or more of the charges, shall be necessary to the conviction of the accused; and if their decision be adverse to the accused, they shall proceed to determine the kind and degree of punishment commensurate in their opinion with the offence or offences committed. They shall transmit to the Bishop, under their hand, the record of their proceedings. The judgment of the Bishop on such decision shall be final, except that he shall have no power to *increase* the punishment recommended by the Court.

Sec. 9. Suspension, or any heavier sentence, shall, *ipso facto*, sever the connection of the Clergyman with his Parish.

Sec. 10.—THE RECORD TO BE FILED.—The Record provided for in the sixth Section of this Canon, together with the Bishop's sentence endorsed, shall be preserved among the papers of the Diocese.

Sec. 11.—NOTICES.—For the purpose of any notice provided for by this Canon, it shall be sufficient to serve it either personally or by leaving a copy thereof at the last place of residence of the accused.

Sec. 12.—CONFESSION OF AN OFFENCE.—When a Clergyman shall make confession to the Bishop of the commission of any of the offences enumerated in the first section of this Canon, the Bishop shall proceed to inflict such ecclesiastical censure or punishment upon the Clergyman so confessing, as he (the Bishop) shall think right.

Sec. 13.—RENUNCIATION OF FALSE DOCTRINE.—In the case of any accusation of false doctrine, a *renunciation* of the same, to the satisfaction of the Bishop, shall stay all farther proceedings.

CANON XXVIII.—JOURNALS OF CONVENTION.

The Secretary shall each year preserve thirty copies of the Journal for the use of the members of the next ensuing Convention

RULES OF ORDER.

I. Upon the day appointed, the Convention shall assemble at 10 A. M., for the purpose of organization. The Presiding Officer shall call the Convention to order and cause the Roll to be called; whereupon, should a quorum be present, the Convention shall be declared organized.

II. After Morning Prayer, the Convention shall proceed to the election of a President and a Secretary.

III. The Convention shall elect a Treasurer, after the Report of the Committee of Finance.

IV. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered.

V. The regular Committees shall be—

The Committee on the State of the Church,

The Committee on Canons,

The Committee on Finance,

to consist each of five persons.

The Committee on Elections,

The Committee on New Parishes,

The Committee on Unfinished Business,

to consist each of three.

The said Committees shall be appointed at as early a period in the session as may be practicable.

VI. The order of business shall be as follows:

The Bishop's Address.

Communications from the President.

Reports from The Committee on Elections.

The Committee on New Parishes.

Parochial Reports.

Standing Committee's Report.

Committees appointed at the last Convention.

Treasurer's Report.

Finance Committee.

Committee on Canons.

Committee on Unfinished Business.

Committee on the State of the Church.

Other Special Committees.

Petitions and Memorials.

Motions and Resolutions.

VII. After the President has taken the Chair, no member shall continue standing, except to address the Chair.

VIII. Speakers shall address the Chair, and shall confine themselves to the point in debate.

IX. No motion shall be considered unless seconded, and, if required, reduced to writing.

X. When the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

XI. When a question is under consideration, no motion shall be received, unless to lay upon the table, to postpone to a certain time, to postpone indefinitely, to commit, to amend, or to divide; and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. The motions to lay on the table and to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate; and of these, the motion to adjourn shall take precedence.

XII. If the question under debate contains several distinct propositions, the same shall be divided at the request of any member, and a vote taken separately, except that a motion to strike out and insert shall be indivisible.

XIII. All amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are moved.

When a proposed amendment is under consideration, a motion to amend the same may be made. No after amendment to such second amendment shall be in order. But when an amendment to an amendment is under consideration, a substitute to the whole matter may be received. No proposition on a subject different from the one under consideration shall be received under color of a substitute.

XIV. A question once decided shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and shall not be drawn again into debate. A motion to reconsider any vote shall not be in order, except on the same or succeeding day to that on which the vote is taken: Provided always, that a vote or question may be reconsidered at any time by the consent of two-thirds of the Convention: Provided further, that no motion to reconsider shall be made on the last day of the Convention, except on a vote or question originally taken on that day.

XV. The Reports of all Committees shall be in writing, and shall be received of course and without motion for acceptance, unless re-committed. All Reports recommending or requiring any action or expression of opinion by the Convention shall be accompanied by a corresponding resolution.

XVI. All questions of order shall be decided by the Chair without debate, but any member may appeal from such decision. And on such appeal no member shall speak more than once without leave.

XVII. No member shall be absent from the Sessions of the Convention without leave, or unless he be unable to attend.

XVIII. When the Convention is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves the Chair.

CONSTITUTION

AND

CANONS

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE

DIOCESE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

Printed by order of the Convention of 1834.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church in North Carolina.



ARTICLE I.

The Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, accedes to, recognizes, and adopts, the General Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, and acknowledges its authority accordingly.

ARTICLE II.

There shall be an Annual Convention of the Church in this Diocese at such time and place as may be fixed by the next preceding Convention.

ARTICLE III.

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen.--- Each regularly ordained Minister, of either order, being settled with a parochial charge in this State; or being a President, Professor, or Instructor of youth, in any Seminary of Learning in this State; or being a Missionary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, acting under the direction of the Ecclesiastical authority of this Diocese, shall be entitled to a seat and a vote in the Convention; *provided* he shall have been actually and canonically a resident of the State, or shall have been a candidate for orders belonging to this diocese, for the space of twelve calendar months next before the Convention. Each Church or Congregation in this Diocese, which is now a member, or shall hereafter be admitted a member of this Convention, shall be entitled to send to the Convention one or more Lay Delegates, not exceeding four, to be chosen by the Vestry or by the Congregation, from among the members of such Congregation. *Provided* however, that no one person shall be the Delegate of more than one Church or Congregation at the same Convention. *Provided* also, that this Article shall not exclude from the Convention any Clergyman who is now and shall continue to be a resident in this State, and who is now a member of this Convention.

ARTICLE IV.

Every Convention shall be opened with Prayer, and a Sermon, which shall be delivered by some Clergyman who has been nominated by the Ecclesiastical authority of the Church.

ARTICLE V.

A President shall be annually appointed, who shall preside in all meetings of the Convention, except when a Bishop shall be present, when he shall, *ex officio*, be President.

ARTICLE VI.

A Secretary shall be annually chosen, whose duty it shall be to keep a record of the proceedings, and to give timely notice to each Minister and Vestry, of the time and place of each meeting of the Convention in this Diocese.

ARTICLE VII.

A Standing Committee, of not less than three nor more than seven persons, shall be annually chosen by ballot. They shall have power to admit Candidates for the Ministry, and when there is not a Bishop, they shall examine and pass on the testimonials of foreign Clergymen. They may call special meetings of the Convention; and shall transact all other business as they are empowered to do by the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention. They shall also have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in their own body by death, removal, or otherwise, during the recess of the Annual Convention.

ARTICLE VIII.

A majority of the Standing Committee of this Church shall at all times be Clergymen of this Diocese; and no Layman shall be appointed a member of said Committee, except he be a communicant of the Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE IX.

In all questions which shall come before the Convention, when it shall be required by the Delegation of one Church or Congregation, or by any one Clerical member, the Laity shall vote by Congregations. And when it shall be so required, the two orders shall vote separately, and in the latter case, the concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to make a decision of the Convention. When no such division of the Convention shall be required, each member of the Convention, both Clerical and Lay, shall be entitled to one vote.

ARTICLE X.

The election of a Bishop of this Diocese shall be made in the following manner: The order of the Clergy shall nominate and appoint by ballot, some fit and qualified Clergyman for that office, and if this appointment be approved by the Lay order, he shall be declared duly elected. In the above mentioned nomination and appointment, a majority of each order shall determine the choice—provided that two-thirds of all the Clergy entitled to votes be present, and two thirds of all the Congregations entitled to votes be represented; otherwise two-thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to determine the choice.

ARTICLE XI.

This Constitution shall not be altered or amended, except by the concurrent votes of two-thirds of the attending members at an annual meeting of the Convention—such vote being taken in accordance with the preceding provisions of this Constitution.

CANONS

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN NORTH CAROLINA.



CANON I.—*Passed April 1817.*

Of Presentments.

Every trial of a Clergyman in this Church, for misbehaviour, shall be on presentment, made to the Bishop by the Convention, by the Vestry of the parish to which the Clergyman belongs, or by three or more Presbyters of the Church. In every presentment the charge or charges shall be distinctly specified.

CANON II.—*Passed April 1817.*

Of the trial of a Clergyman.

For the trial of a Clergyman, the Bishop shall appoint three Presbyters, who shall be constituted a board for trying the accused person. The Bishop shall fix the time and place of trial; of both which, at least a month's notice shall be given to the party accused; and should he neglect or refuse to attend, the trial shall proceed. The Board thus constituted, shall examine fully, the charges alleged, and keep a minute and accurate record of the testimony of the witnesses, and of every question and proceeding that comes before them. No charge shall be substantiated on the testimony of less than two witnesses. On the examination of any witness, should the accused party require it, an oath or affirmation shall be administered by a magistrate. In all questions, a unanimous vote shall be necessary to a decision. Having come to a decision on the charge or charges respectively, the Board shall communicate their decision to the Bishop—and, also, in case they have found the accused guilty, the sentence which, in their opinion, should be pronounced. A certified copy of the record of their proceedings shall be laid before the Bishop, and his judgment in the case be final.

CANON III.—*Passed April 1817.*

Of the sentence to be pronounced on a Clergyman found guilty of misbehaviour.

This sentence may be admonition, suspension, degradation from the ministry, or excommunication; and shall be pronounced by the Bishop and communicated to every Parish in the Diocese.

CANON IV.—*Passed April 1819.*

Respecting the call of a special Convention.

When a special Convention is called, it shall be the duty of the Secretary in issuing the notifications, to specify therein the business and purposes for which the Convention is to be assembled.

CANON V.—*Passed April 1819.*

Concerning Parochial Registers and Reports.

In order to give effect to the 40th Canon of the General Convention in 1808, it is hereby required that each Minister of this Church shall keep a register of all the Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals, solemnized by him in the discharge of his Ministry; specifying the names of the parties married, the name and time of the birth of the child baptised, with the names of the parents, and the name of the person buried, and the time when each rite is performed; which register shall be transcribed, at least once in every month, in a book to be kept for that purpose, belonging to the Vestry of each Church. He shall also keep a register of the names of the Communicants within his care. And it shall be the duty of each Minister to report annually to the Bishop, at the meeting of the Convention, the amount or sum total of said registers, and also the amount of the register of adults required to be kept by the aforesaid Canon of the General Convention, together with a written account of the state of the parish. Which reports shall be by the Bishop communicated to the Convention, and read in their presence, in order to promote a general knowledge of the state of the Church; and shall afterwards be preserved by the Secretary among the records of the Convention.

CANON VI.—*Passed April 1819.*

The Clergy required to attend the meetings of the Convention.

Whereas the regular attendance of the Clergy at the meetings of the Convention, is of essential consequence to the interests of the Church, this duty is hereby enjoined on them. At the opening of each Convention, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats therein shall be called

over, the absentees noted, and at the ensuing Convention they shall be called upon for the reasons of their absence.

CANON VII.—*Passed May 1821.*

Of the forming of a Congregation.

Any association of ten or more adults, consenting to adopt and be governed by the Constitution and Canons of this Church, assuming some name by which their Church or parish may be designated, appointing a Vestry of four or more persons to manage the temporal concerns of their body, and also a Delegation of any number of persons, (not exceeding four,) may be received into union with this Church; and their Delegates shall be entitled to seats in the Convention, on producing a written certificate, signed by the Vestry, stating that the above conditions have been complied with.

CANON VIII.—*Passed May 1824.*

Respecting annual Contributions.

An annual contribution shall be made by each Congregation in this Diocese, to defray the necessary expenses of the Bishop's visitations, and the contingent charges of the Convention, and likewise to furnish our quota to the contingent expenses of the General Convention; which sums shall be remitted to the Treasurer of the Convention as they shall be received.

CANON IX.—*Passed May 1824.*

Respecting the Bishop's authority to change the place of holding the Convention.

In all cases where a contagious disease, or any other sufficient cause, shall render it necessary, the Bishop may change the place of meeting appointed by the Convention.

CANON X.—*Passed April 1825.*

To appoint a Treasurer, and to prescribe his duties.

A Treasurer of the Convention shall be appointed annually. He shall have the custody of all moneys belonging to the Convention, and shall render to the Convention an annual account of all moneys so entrusted to him. The said Treasurer shall *ex officio* receive all money from the Trustees or General Agent of the fund for the Episcopate, as it may be collected, and vest the same, and all interests and dividends thereon, in the Capital Stocks of some one of the Banks of the State.

CANON XI.—*Passed May 1827.*

Authorising the Treasurer to invest the money belonging to Convention.

The Treasurer of the Convention shall, from time to time, invest in stock, or put out to interest on good security, as he may deem most advantageous, all moneys in the Treasury not especially appropriated, and all sums received for the use of the Episcopate.

CANON XII.—*Passed May 1830.*

Pointing out the additional duties of the Secretary.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to preserve for the use of the members of Convention, during its sessions, six copies of the Constitution and Canons of this Church; and each year to preserve for the same purpose, six copies of the printed Journals of Convention. These papers the Secretary shall cause to be present at each Convention.

CANON XIII.—*Passed May 1830.*

On the election of a Bishop.

The Lay Delegates of no Congregation which is formed after a vacancy has occurred in the office of Bishop, by death or otherwise, shall vote in the election of the next successor in the office, or upon any question touching such election.

